

The wrong way and the right way

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ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 81st BIRTHDAY AND THE OPENING OF THE SUMMIT STRATEGY CONFERENCE FOR MORAL RE-ARMAMENT

"We are not ready to live in the world that faces us." The man who says this is a production genius in charge of 400 scientists and 35,000 men who launched Atlas in answer to Sputnik. There is a wrong way and a right way of launching a rocket into space. There is a wrong way and a right way of living on earth.

Dr. Douglas Cornell, Executive Officer of the National Academy of Sciences, says, "Science has made it possible for the world to be destroyed between lunch and the cocktail hour. But the problem does not lie in science, it lies in man. It is modern man who needs to be remade."

There is a wrong way and a right way to meet the challenge of Communism. An American general who trained the army of an Asian nation, says, "I tried to fight Communism with an army and with economic aid. I trained good soldiers. But I was unable to equip them with a world idea superior to Communism. Moral Re-Armament is the idea I was looking for. It is the right way to do it."

We have been living the wrong way for so long that we have come to accept it as normal. Broken homes, disrupted industries, divided nations, deadlocked conferences—these things are not normal. They are the inevitable outcome of doing things the wrong way. Many people condemn Communism. But could it be that the hate, greed, fear and selfishness which create confusion and division in our own society, are the strength and essence of Communism? Millions who would never join the Communist Party, make its advance inevitable by the way they live.

MORAL RE-ARMAMENT OR COMMUNISM

Admiral William H. Standley, who was United States Ambassador to Moscow and Chief of Naval Operations, sees this issue clearly. In a thought-out statement which has gone all round the world, he says, "The choice for America is Moral Re-Armament or Communism."

An Air Force general in charge of 8,000 men who are part of the Strategic Air Command and for two years have been on a fifteen minute alert, says, "The young men who are sent to me don't know what democracy is about. They live as they please. As for Communism, that doesn't concern them and they won't trouble to understand it." While arming against atomic attack from without, we have already surrendered within ourselves the basis of our defense—moral character.

The right way is not "my way." It may not even be "your way." The right way is God's way. Some seem to think that freedom and democracy mean "do as you please." Each man decides and goes his own way. Fathers and mothers do as they please and then they are alarmed when their children follow their example. It is estimated that more than one million youth will go through the juvenile courts this year in America. Broken homes spread disillusion throughout the nation.

A play called *The New American*, written and produced from their own experiences by a group of young Americans, is capturing the mind of America with an answer to delinquency, divorce and subversion. At the invitation of the Commanding General it was shown at one of the largest Marine Air Stations in the world, and at command performances for Air Force bases, and in high schools. At one of these bases a newspaper described it as "a great driving force which is awakening the free world from complacency." The Mayor of one city where this play was shown, said, "It is the soundest, most down to earth thing that ever came to our community." The Mayor of another city said, "It must go to every school and college throughout America."

MOST ASTONISHING EVENT

There is a wrong way and right way in statesmanship. A high official of the German Foreign Office, former Ambassador to Canada, told the press, "The most astonishing event of post-war European politics is the reconciliation of Germany and France. A major factor in the birth of an apparently permanent friendship between these former enemies is Moral Re-Armament." And Dr. Adenauer, the German Chancellor, in a letter to me says, "Unless this work of Moral Re-Armament is extended the peace of the world cannot be preserved." The Chancellor talks of Moral Re-Armament as the unseen but effective force in achieving international agreements.

A diplomat who has been at the heart of the great international conferences that have taken place in the last fifteen years writes to say, "Three events in recent months have amazed the diplomats." In each case the answer has been found through men who have changed.

The first was the Lebanon crisis. This issue which divided the world was solved by ten Arab nations who united to bring an answer to East and West. The man most responsible for this was the Secretary-General of the Arab League, who was in Egypt when he heard the news of crisis. He had the compelling thought which he believed came from God, to fly immediately to New York. He obeyed. He found the Arab States divided amongst themselves, and all the other nations divided against each other. There was a real risk of war. Early one morning a further thought came to him, that the Arab nations were meant to be a bridge and not a battleground. He brought them all together in one room, and they stayed together until they found a resolution on which they all agreed. When it was put to the United Nations, the vote was 80-0. *The Times* of London said, "Overnight an almost magical transformation has come over the scene."

NEW UNITY IN ASIA

The second event was the new unity being brought to birth through Asia. A token of this was the visit of the President of the Philippines and his reception in the Japanese Diet. Little more than a year ago the feeling between those two countries was so intense that such an action would have been political suicide. The man who, as Speaker of the Japanese Diet, received the Philippine President, and was one of the plenipotentiaries who signed the Peace Treaty for his country, says that in the last two years Moral Re-Armament has brought reconciliation between Japan and the Philippines, wrested control of the largest single political organization in Japan from Communist hands, established new relations with Indonesia and Viet Nam, ended a dispute with Free China,

and is now in process of healing the division between South Korea and his country. The President of the Philippines says, "The bitterness of former years is being washed away by compassion and forgiveness." *The New York World-Telegram* comments, "This visit of the President of the Philippines to Japan may mark an historic turning point in post-war affairs."

The third most recent event is the Cyprus settlement. An Asian Ambassador in Washington was in my home. He had been chairman of the committee that vainly tried to bring an answer to Cyprus in the United Nations. He told us, "Cyprus unsolved would have shattered European unity and could have led to European war this year." The answer was brought by men—British, Greeks and Turks, who through Moral Re-Armament honestly faced the fact that they had been doing things the wrong way. A British Member of Parliament went to see some of the Cyprus leaders and was honest about the places where he felt he and his country had made mistakes. A Greek leader expressed his sorrow to the British leaders in London for the situation of bitterness and bloodshed in Cyprus. A Turkish editor went to Athens and in an article which appeared throughout the Greek press, said that his country and Greece were meant to live as brothers and not as enemies. *The New York Times* called it "a resounding success for enlightened statesmanship." Is not this the answer for our overworked and under-inspired statesmen?

ONLY HOPE FOR AFRICA

A diplomat of world experience says, "In Africa today they are saying everywhere to the white man, 'How soon can you leave?' But to the Moral Re-Armament men and women they are saying, 'How soon can you come?'" My friend Dr. Azikiwe, Premier of Eastern Nigeria, recently entertained Premier Nkrumah of Ghana on a State visit. He took the occasion to show him the Moral Re-Armament film *Freedom* through which Africa has spoken to the world. Written by Africans and acted by Africans, it shows how a young nation threatened with destruction through division and Communism in its own ranks, can find the secret of unity and the right road. Afterwards Premier Azikiwe spoke to the nation of 36 million Nigerians and said, "We must build a hate-free, fear-free, greed-free Africa, peopled by free men and women." The newspaper of Ibadan, the great Nigerian city where the largest university in West Africa is situated, came out with the headline, "MRA is our only hope."

In the great cities of South Africa *Freedom* has been showing to packed audiences. In Cape Town the manager of the theater himself introduced the film and said, "We believe this is the most effective weapon in the free countries today to win the world to the right idea." At the end of the film the man who plays the part of the Prime Minister in it, the former President of the African teachers of South Africa, steps in front of the screen in the glorious robes which he wears in *Freedom*. He speaks to those audiences, which is an unprecedented event in the life of South Africa. For probably all the white people in that theater it is the first time they have ever listened to an African speaking. Afterwards night after night he is surrounded by those who want to find from him the secret of how to get their own lives and the life of South Africa on the right way.

The Colwell brothers sing at each performance. These three young Americans are playing a major part in this revolutionary answer in South Africa. They have given up Hollywood contracts and over the past years have had a profound influence on the leadership of Asia and Africa. In South Africa they won thunderous applause by their commitment and their songs sung in national languages that few South Africans have ever tried to master. Of them the Mayor of their own city in California says, "These three are securing and undergirding the defenses of America." They tell the South African audiences that they are giving their lives to the answer they feel Hollywood is meant to interpret to the world.

BATTLE FOR THE WORLD

A battle is being fought for the mind of the world. Think of the mothers in Asia, Europe, Africa, yes, even America, who weep because their children are learning the wrong way to live from the motion pictures we make in the West. Rickard Tegström, the brilliant Walt Disney cameraman, who went to Africa to film *Freedom*, spoke of the films he saw in Africa. He says, "From white screens against the blue-black African night, the dregs of Western civilization's film production were poured out over defenseless young Africans night after night." Now this cameraman is lending his genius to put the answer on celluloid. He is at present completing the filming of *The Crowning Experience*. It is inspired by the marvel of the life of Mary McLeod Bethune, born of slave parents, who rose to be the adviser of Presidents in the White House, and who said of Moral Re-Armament, "To be a part of this great uniting force of our age, is the crowning experience of my life."

The Crowning Experience showed in the South as a play for four months last year and then broke the 123-year attendance record at the National Theatre in Washington. Of its effect a leading newspaperman of Atlanta said, "This is the greatest news story to come out of the South this year." Rickard Tegström adds, "Filming must be in the hands of men who understand the need of the world today and the deepest need of mankind. The statesmen who realize this in time can save the world from disaster."

U Nu, Burma's great statesman, recently visited me. We talked of the need for statesmen to be able to read men as we read a page of print. We spoke of their need to diagnose and cure every corrupt and subversive influence, and so safeguard our nations from going the wrong way. We dealt with the urgency in the ideological struggle for the men who lead to be incorruptible and to create around them men and women with clean hands and pure hearts. U Nu together with the Prime Minister of Japan and the Presidents of the Philippines and Viet Nam has just welcomed the Moral Re-Armament Assembly of Asian peoples in Japan. Said he, "It is giving a clarion call to one and all to read the writing on the wall."

The objective of the Assembly is to clean up the nations from bottom to top. One of the instruments is a play called *Shaft of*

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Moral Re-Armament—the Answer to Communism

By ADMIRAL WILLIAM H. STANDLEY
Former Chief of Naval Operations and former United States Ambassador to Moscow

SAN DIEGO—We are in a world war of ideas and our greatest need is to go on the offensive. We must awaken America to the need of arming our nation with an ideology as well as through economic and military means. Subversive forces are tearing down America. At the same time with ruthless duplicity Moscow is sweet one day and tough the next with a strategy which the free world has failed to comprehend.

TEEN-AGERS TO PRESENT OWN IDEAL OF AMERICANISM

A gang of teen-agers—totally different from any that ever staged a gang war—met here yesterday but they didn't plan to "shoot."

Without Moral Ideology Hope on the Stage

AS AN ANSWER to the "Moral Re-Armament" play, a group of teen-agers who play a "Paper Tiger" play, will play a "Paper Tiger" play at the same time with the "Moral Re-Armament" play.

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Burma's Former Prime Minister Visits Buchman

U Nu, Party Chief in Tuzon Briefly While En Route To San Francisco

U Nu, former prime minister of Burma, was in Tucson for several hours yesterday to visit Dr. Frank Buchman, initiator of the Moral Re-Armament movement.

Garcia Accredits MRA for Japan-Philippines Unity

LOS ANGELES, California—The Filipino writer, Vicente Garcia, said here at the Philippine National Assembly that the Moral Re-Armament movement is the key to the solution of the world's problems.

Arab Nations Display Spirit of Moral Re-Armament At UN

By ROBERT WEBB
What may have been a clue to world survival was revealed at the Arab League meeting in Cairo last week.

ZIK TELLS GHANA AND NIGERIA TO CREATE HATE-FREE AFRICA

DR. NNAMDI AZIKIWE, Premier of Eastern Nigeria, in his welcome speech to Dr. Kwame Nkrumah yesterday, urged Ghana and Nigeria to "create a hate-free, fear-free and greed-free Africa, peopled by free men and women."

African unity in action—'MRA our only hope'

IBADAN, Thursday. A conference to bring freedom to Africa "without bitterness and bloodshed" was held here today.

3,000 Atlantans Hail 'Crowning Experience'

By MARION E. JACKSON
"The Crowning Experience," a political play of lyric and majestic power which possesses the eloquence of an American opera, had its world premiere at the Atlanta Auditorium.

Old Hates Dissolved

Seek Same Goal
Of World Peace
Three Japanese men... with them we... and a Su...

'Big Idea' Says By U.S., Lack of Unity Called a Peril

By MARTIN STRAUM
"We're going to give... identical piece and a big idea..."

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