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recognized or traded with or admitted to the United Nations, then you are a communist in Buchman's book.

To discredit Chiang Kai-shek is to follow the party line. To advocate total world disarmament is to follow the party line. To urge cultural exchanges—or indeed any contact—between east and west is to follow the party line.

"When a Montgomery, a Billy Graham, a group of governors, senators or industrialists visit Moscow they are entertained there by those who are planning their funeral", says Buchman's pamphleteer. Then he goes on to quote with approval a Swedish bishop who said: "Inviting Khrushchev to our country is the same as letting the enemy through the front line in a shooting war. It is wrong, unwise and stupid."

Thus we know what Moral Re-Armament is against. It is against any meeting of minds in the communist and non-communist world. It is for war—not necessarily a shooting war, but certainly a name-calling, rooftop shouting, hosannah-singing war. It is no accident that M.R.A. pamphlets stating that "World War III has begun" were distributed around the world on the eve of the summit fiasco.

It is more difficult to discover what else M.R.A. stands for (outside of those ever-present absolutes). As one Roman Catholic observer has commented about Buchmanism, it is "quite unaware of any social mission" and has "instituted no works of charity for the poverty-stricken or unemployed". It is much more concerned with what it calls "a superior ideology with a superior strategy" and "the incorruptible and inspired leadership that alone can create a full and free life for the nation."

Superiority and leadership are twin concepts that run like a twisted thread through Dr. Buchman's checkered career as a fashionable evangelist among the well-to-do. He has, we learn, "enjoyed personal friendship with four generations of Japanese leadership." When one realizes the dark alleyways into which that leadership took us all, one marvels at the temerity of such a boast.

He goes on at greater length. I have read quotations from these letters—and I have others—and from these articles that have been sent to me to indicate concern over Moral Re-Armament and over the fact that individuals and corporations are allowed exemption from taxation on contributions to this organization. The concern about this question is much stronger than the minister realizes. This applies to some members of all parties in this house who have given consideration to what this movement represents. If you read the literature of the last 20 years and the so-called moral philosophy preached by this movement you will realize why suspicions and doubts are aroused. Therefore, I promised to bring this matter to the attention of the committee and the minister. I read some extracts from these letters to indicate the feeling on the part of the people who wrote to me and sent me these articles.

Before I conclude I wish to bring one other illustration to the attention of the minister. This is a personal experience I had a month or so ago which convinced me that a great deal of thought should be given to this organization. Along with some other

members of this house I was invited to a dinner at the Rideau club given by the Presbytery of the United church to Dr. Donald Soper, one of England's most famous preachers, one time head of the Methodist conference in Great Britain, who at the present time is posted to the, I am not sure whether it is the City Temple or Westminster mission, London, a non-conformist church. He is a man of unquestioned integrity; and a brilliant preacher. At that dinner he addressed us for about an hour. He gave us a most interesting talk; he was listened to by members of parliament and prominent people in Ottawa. At the conclusion of his speech he received a very hearty round of applause.

On sitting down he said he was ready to answer a few questions from anyone at the dinner table who wished to ask him questions. Various persons asked questions; I asked one. My question was, "Dr. Soper, what is your opinion of Moral Re-Armament?" You should have seen his reaction. In the most vivid language he told us what he thought of this organization and of the ideas it presented to the western democratic world. He strongly advised us to do all we could to expose the machinations of this organization, I was very much convinced on hearing such a well-known gentleman express his opinion so freely, so exactly and with such vigour. I bring that to the attention of the committee, as evidence on this question, in my opinion, from an unquestioned source.

I have read these extracts about this organization on behalf of the people who have written to me and on behalf of the members of this group. I do suggest that this matter warrants thorough investigation. We want to know why persons and corporations contributing to this organization are allowed exemptions from income tax on their contributions? We want to know on what grounds they are exempt? We urge a thorough investigation and reconsideration of this departmental decision, and we wish to express in the most vigorous terms possible on behalf of the people for whom I am speaking this evening our objection to this exemption and procedure.

**Mr. Chevrier:** Mr. Chairman, at this stage I want to inject a pleasant note in the consideration of the minister's estimates and to tell him that I heard with interest the statement which he made on the item which is now under discussion. I think all of us, not only on this side of the house but in the house generally, will be pleased to see that this division of the Department of National Revenue has shown progress and efficiency to the extent that not only has it reduced

[Mr. Herridge.]