

RACIAL PARTNERSHIP IN AFRICA

March — A new partnership of all races is being created in Africa by an international Moral Re-Armament team which is now in Cape-town after three months in Northern and Southern Rhodesia. Africans and Dutch Afrikaans speakers addressed an inter-racial assembly of several thousands in the Capetown City Hall sponsored by the Mayor. They pledged themselves "to fight for the remaking of South Africa on a new dimension under the direction of God."

Dr. William Nkomo of Pretoria, founder and first president of the African National Congress Youth League said: "I believed the hope of Africa lay only in bloody revolution. At an MRA assembly I saw white men and black men change, and I myself changed. I realized that I could not love my people unless I was prepared to fight for them in a new dimension, free from bitterness and hate. I saw something greater than nationalism at work. I saw an ideology which is superior because it is an ideology for everyone everywhere. I believe this is the one road which will be the best road for my people and for South Africa."

The MRA "task force" of 80 people from 17 countries is now extending its trip through other parts of South Africa at the invitation of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the Administrators of the four Provinces of the Union and South West Africa. The Governor-General opened the Capetown performances of the MRA plays which dramatize this world-uniting ideology.

For the past three months these plays have been presented to all-color audiences in usually "restricted" theatres in Northern and Southern Rhodesia. Sir Godfrey Huggins, Prime Minister of the new Central African Federation, and more than half the members of the Federal Parliament attended performances of MRA plays in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. The Governor of Northern Rhodesia, the Speaker and Members of the Legislative and Executive Councils were at showings in Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia. In both cases it was the first time in history that representatives of the European, African, Indian and colored communities were together in the same hall.

"Partnership in a multi-racial society can only be achieved by a change of heart in its citizens, said Jasper Savanhu, African Member of the Central African Parliament.

Savanhu and some 100 other African leaders took part in last summer's World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament at Caux, Switzerland. There they met Dr. Frank Buchman, initiator of MRA, and saw demonstrated the revolutionary application of absolute moral standards of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love under the guidance of God, which are the basis of this program to remake the world. "This does not mean that you stop fighting for what you believe to be right. It does mean that you fight with clean hands and a pure heart," said Godwin Luwanika, founder and first president of the Northern Rhodesia African Congress.

As a result they laid plans with other African leaders of government, business and labor to invite the MRA force to come. The venture has been financed by voluntary and sacrificial contributions from all parts of the world.

The response has been enthusiastic from workers and management in towns throughout the industrial Copperbelt area of Rhodesia and from African audiences in village meetings arranged by tribal chiefs.

In the South African mining town of Springs near Johannesburg, houses for African workers are being built at the rate of 1,000 per year through a new spirit of teamwork brought about by MRA.

Nigeria and the Gold Coast have eagerly put in bids for the force to come. One of the Nigerian Cabinet said: "All the world needs Moral Re-Armament, but we need it most of all and should have priority."

THYROID DEFICIENCY

By James W. Barton, M.D.

I have written several times about children who were backward at school, caused by poor eyesight in some, and by partial loss of hearing in others. The correction of these defects enabled these youngsters to keep up with other children their age.

There are however, some children who did not have a good start mentally and physically, who were backward in teething, sitting, walking, talking, mental development, growth in height, always constipated and with body temperature below normal. These conditions are due to an underactive thyroid gland, and may go unnoticed by parents and physician because the weight of the child may be normal.

In "Medical Clinics of North America" Drs. J. P. Bronstein and K. S. Shadakhara state there is further need for fuller or more complete investigation of these cases. This should include the usual metabolism test and also the alterations in metabolism (building up and tearing down of the body processes); blood cholesterol, creatine in urine, iodine in the blood, and the bony development.

"Iodine determinations may prove to be the most desirable index of the exact condition present," they write.

There are a number of these cases in which the physician, because of the slow growth or undersize of the child, prescribes "growth" hormone instead of starting thyroid extract in the early stages of the condition.

Thyroid extract in small doses causes sharp rises in the rate at which the body processes work; so sharp and rapid are these rises that, if not watched, the patient's metabolism rate may rise above normal in a short time. Accordingly Drs. Bronstein and Shadakhara closely investigate the general condition of the child from the physical, mental and bony changes, when considering the daily dose of thyroid extract to prescribe.

It is comforting to know that in so many instances nature provides extracts from animals to replace man's needs.

DREAMED HAIR ON FIRE, FOUND "VISION" REALITY

CHATHAM. — A 30-year-old Chatham woman awoke from a dream recently to find her hair in flames which subsequently destroyed her single-storey cottage.

The woman, Miss Eileen Van Dusen of 206 King street east, said she had been sleeping in the living room with her head very close to the stove. She said she dreamed her hair was on fire and awoke to find it wasn't a dream.

The woman said she smothered the flames in her hair with her hands and looked up to see fire shooting from the stovepipe.

"I ran outside in my bare feet," she said, "and the building was in flames almost immediately."

Miss Van Dusen, who received no serious injury from the fire said she lost everything but the clothes on her back.

Firemen said they believed the fire started from the stovepipe on a combination coal and wood stove.

NEGROES DEFY JOHANNESBURG CURFEW ORDER

Johannesburg, Feb. — (AP) — South Africa's Segregationist Government today launched its forced evacuation of a condemned Negro section three days early, and scores of Africans fled deeper into the area to evade the order.

The Government touched off the midnight flight with an order giving 150 families 12 hours to pack up and move from Johannesburg's Sophiatown district to the new Meadowlands housing project for Negroes 12 miles outside city limits.

Nearly 2,000 armed police and troops surrounded Sophiatown at dawn to carry out the removal of the more than 100 families still left of the first batch of 150 families ordered to pack and move. The police chief in charge said there were no clashes and no arrests.

The uniformed men loaded the Negroes and their belongings onto army trucks in the pouring rain. Thousands of sullen neighbors looked on. Police flattened the vacant houses to prevent re-occupancy. The trucks, crammed with ramshackle furniture and people, then trundled away in convoy.

Meetings Banned

As a prelude to the first evacuation order, originally scheduled for Saturday, all public meetings have been banned in the Johannesburg area for the next 20 days.

Amid the rain-swept darkness, many of those ordered out carried their children, furniture and clothes to join friends and relatives living elsewhere in the area.

Hooded Mystery Man

The flight was directed by a hooded mystery man, an ANC leader hunted by police for helping to organize the resistance campaign his organization is leading. For a while he traveled in a reporter's automobile, getting out occasionally in murky alleys to whisper instructions to the movers.

Prime Minister Johannes Strijdom's Nationalist Government plans to move 60,000 Africans from the western part of the city to new homes outside the metropolis. The Government calls the program slum clearance. It will segregate the races but will leave the Negroes close enough to the city to provide a labor force.

Backing the ANC opposition to the move are such prominent white South Africans as Alan Paton, author of the novel "Cry the Beloved Country," Patrick Duncan, son of South Africa's first governor-general, and the evacuation "legalized theft."

ROLAND HAYES BACK ON WAX

New York — Canguard records recently released a long playing album called "The Art of Roland Hayes: Six Centuries of Songs."

Hayes sings art songs and selections by little known 14th century composers to works by Debussy, Moussorgsky, Bach, Beethoven, Schubert and others. There are spirituals in the albums as well as several unaccompanied selections.

Past 65 when these discs were cut, Hayes has naturally lost some of his vocal strength, but the control, perfect phrasing and deep understanding remain evident in all their considerable glory.

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