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President Prado—

DO IN PERU WHAT YOU DID IN BRAZIL

"You must do in Peru what you did in Brazil." With these words President Manuel Prado of Peru issued his invitation for the Moral Re-Armament force of 150 people from 28 nations to come to his country.

At a press conference arranged by the Minister of War, General Cuadra, in Lima last week, the Chief Information Officer in the Ministry of War announced the plans of the Peruvian military to carry the ideological offensive throughout the country.

In immediate response to the invitation by the President and the Prime Minister, two Brazilian Air Force C-54 planes and one C-47 brought the MRA force and equipment from Manaus to Iquitos, Peru, another 1,200 miles further up the Amazon.

As they landed at the airport they were greeted by General Jorge Muniz Luna, Commander of the Loreto Army Division. The division patrols this vast jungle area, and their outposts lie 35 days march from Iquitos.

In the name of the Government and the Ministry of War the General welcomed them: "What you will do here and throughout Peru is of the highest importance, not just for the country, but for the whole world. It is vital work because the answer you are sowing in the hearts and minds of people is an idea that will reach all men."

Afterwards General Muniz and General Hugo Bethlem of Brazil held a strategy meeting with the MRA force to plan a swift advance to all the industrial, agricultural and civic centers of the country in the next weeks. They were to fly over the Andes to Piura on the Pacific Coast, then to Tallara, great oil center on the edge of the desert, and then down the Pan American highway to Lima, the capital of Peru.

The offensive was launched on July 28, Peru's Independence Day, in Iquitos.



The President of Peru

This city lies in the state of Loreto which comprises one-third of the area of Peru and is largely unexplored jungle bordering the Amazon and its tributaries.

That evening in the public square 10,000 people turned out at three hours' notice to see the Rio dockers' film *Men of Brazil*.

Word began to spread throughout the whole jungle region of the coming of Moral Re-Armament. The next night 15,000 stood in the public square until 1 a.m. to see *Men of Brazil* and the all-African film *Freedom*.

Half an hour after one of the showings every piece of literature was bought out. One 80-year-old Indian lady who saw the first showing, walked ten miles from her farm up the Amazon the next day with her savings to buy MRA books and pictorials. "I cannot read," she said, "but I must have this literature for my family."

The Apostolic Vicar of Iquitos, Bishop Rodrigues Gamoneda, O.E.S.A., received the international force and told them, "MRA is a hope for us all. It is a universal message that the world needs. For this reason I see in Moral Re-Armament the hand of God."

"Today the sin of impurity has invaded humanity so much that it causes the greatest part of man's ills. Our faith and our intellect are being blinded by it. Your visit to Peru is providential, to raise the cultural, moral and economic level of the country."

"Today the Communists are trying to use Cuba and Brazil. They have tremendous plans, but you have come just at the right moment. We will win together because God is on our side."

The climax came on the last night when 33,000 people trekked into the city from all over the surrounding country. They poured into the public square where Peruvian soldiers had built a stage for a showing of the play *The Tiger*.

All activity in the city stopped as the huge crowd watched the color guard of the Army lead the MRA force onto the stage. The trees were alive with people. At one point when a branch broke twelve people lost their grandstand seats.

Speaking of the response in Brazil and Peru to MRA, Madame Irene Laure, former secretary-general of the 3,000,000 Socialist women of France, said, "I always have believed Moral Re-Armament would win over the force of materialistic Communism, but after seeing the response to this ideology in Iquitos last night, and the hundreds of thousands who hungered for it in Brazil, I am convinced it is going to happen far faster than I ever believed possible. The Communist strength is being smashed here. MRA is going to win the world."

"YOU HAVE REACHED THE MASSES"

By our Latin American correspondent

In the sugar cane fields, on the waterfronts, in the factories and villages of North Brazil, where the promises of Castro's Communism are outdoing the appeal of Western aid and goodwill, a new factor is finding its place in the hearts of the masses—Moral Re-Armament.

During the month of July on the urging of President Janio Quadros Moral Re-Armament moved into this vast area—twice the size of Europe and a target of world Communism.

In four weeks 500,000 people have jammed stadiums, theatres and public squares to see the Japanese play *The Tiger* and the MRA films. In addition over a million people in house-to-house hand-outs and by aerial drops have had leaflets announcing these presentations.

Millions more through the press, TV and radio have been made aware of the superior ideology which is challenging and changing Communists and non-Communists alike.

The move climaxed last week in Manaus, 1,200 miles up the Amazon River, where on the night of the anniversary of the Cuban Revolution,

90,000 people—almost half the population of the city—streamed into the Military Stadium for a demonstration featuring *The Tiger*.

A block and a half away the Communist Party held a pro-Castro Revolution rally. Forty people attended.

"You have reached the masses of the people," commented one official in Belem. "They don't know everything about Moral Re-Armament yet, but they have seen enough to know Communism is wrong."

The Communists have cleverly fed the line in the Northeast that poverty is the real problem, and even the bankers and businessmen are beginning to believe it.

Eudocio Ravines, the former Latin American Comintern leader who was smuggling arms up the Amazon River in the 1930's, recently clarified this half-truth. "While Communism is certainly built on poverty and illiteracy," he said, "the real causes of Communism in Latin America and on which it is galloping to victory, are corruption and immorality among the leadership and the masses."

The man whose genius is rapidly making the Amazon area around Man-

aus one of the major factors in the economic life of Brazil underscored Ravines' conviction. Isaac Sabaa, who employs 80% of the labor in the area, pointed out in an exclusive interview with the MRA force that although his workers get a reasonable living wage "most of them live in squalor—the money goes in cabarets, women, drink and dope. We welcome MRA because unless these things are cured in the people Communism will continue to thrive."

MANAUS

Manaus is at the heart of this huge continent. The river is a living, human, massive element in the life of everybody. Its headwaters reach far back into the Andes over 3,000 miles from the city. At some points as it nears the Atlantic it is 150 miles wide.

It is an area of fabulous wealth. There are huge manganese deposits. The jute factories produce more than Pakistan and India. Sugar cane grows three-quarters of an inch a day, the soil and climate are so fertile.

Isaac Sabaa is the man who recognized the potential of this Amazonas area.

90,000 JAM MANAUS MILITARY PARADE GROUND TO SEE *THE TIGER*



Uppermost in the minds of Sabaa and his colleagues in the government and military is the Communist infiltration from British Guiana and Central America. Students are constantly going to Havana and Moscow for training. A five years' course is considered average in Moscow. They take them at the age of 16.

Manaus is also the center of considerable drug traffic which is brought in from the West and distributed throughout Brazil.

It was against this background that the Brazilian Air Force flew the 150-strong 28-nation MRA force to Manaus two weeks ago. "The principles of MRA must be the basis of the development of this Amazon area," declared Isaac Sabaa who hosted their time in the city. Eight-column headlines on the front pages of the press and repeated radio programs brought news to the whole population.

Twenty-six Havana-trained students sent from the Belem area to create riots and disturbances were impacted on the first night when the Japanese play *The Tiger* was put on. Their attempted riots misfired and they finished up listening for an hour to Hans Bjerkholt, a co-founder of the Norwegian Communist Party and former Comintern member, who told them of "the superior ideology" he had found.

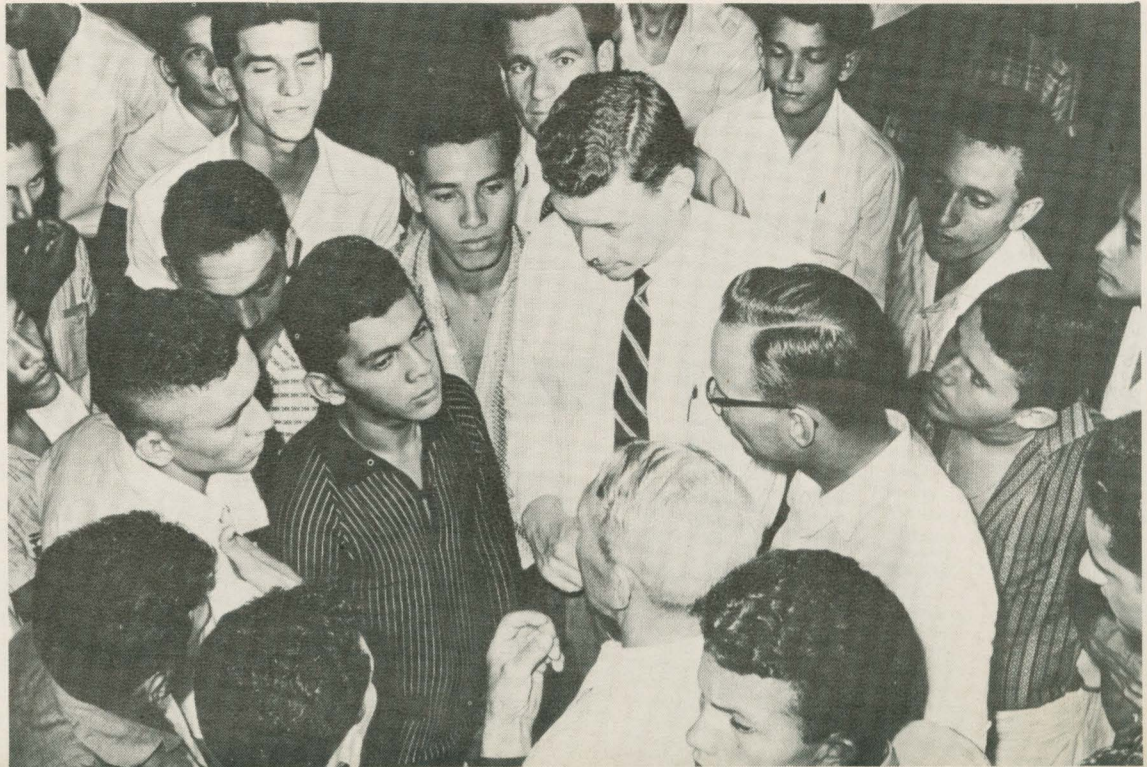
The press reported that Manaus had been "conquered" by the mass demonstration in the football stadium. "Those 90,000 people standing for three hours was the most amazing thing I have seen," said Mrs. Blair Buck of Virginia, former president of the 11 million-strong U. S. General Federation of Women's Clubs.

A million square miles

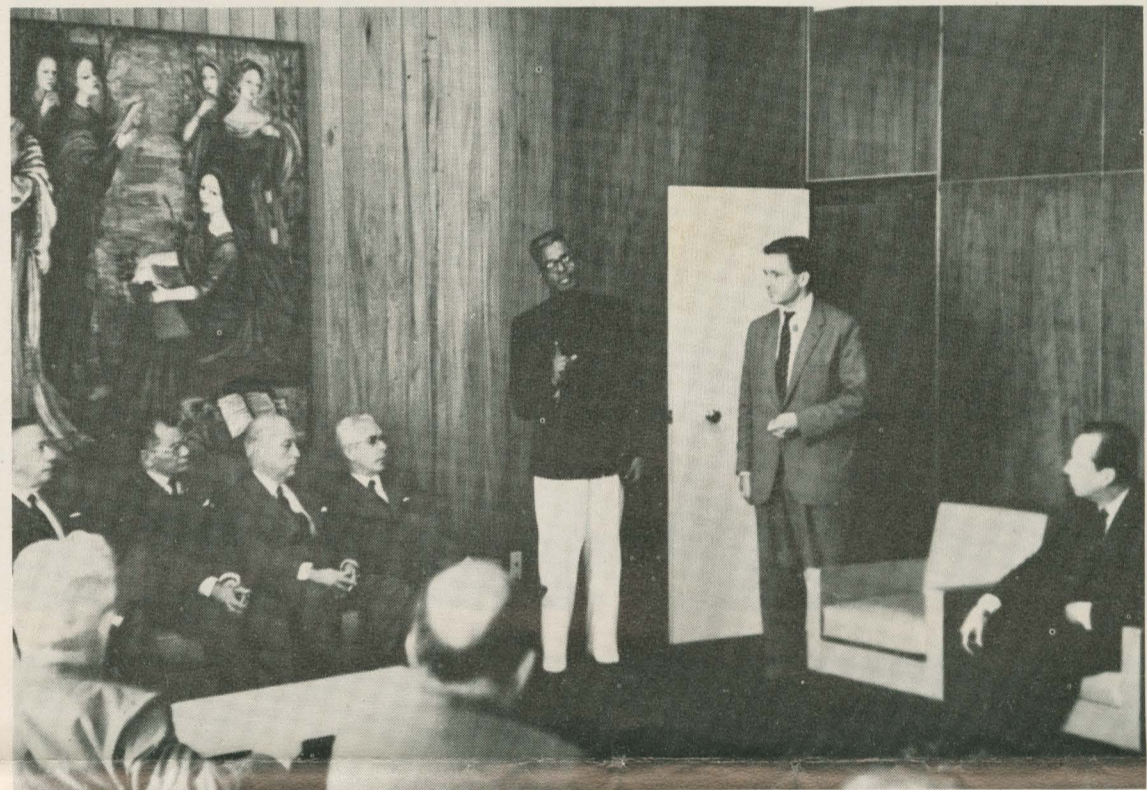
General Vasco, Commandant of the 8th Military Region, personally opened the rally by marching in twelve companies of his troops and raising the Brazilian flag as the National Anthem was sung. His command is the largest in the world—almost a million square miles. Last week on his orders all the soldiers on duty in the vast jungles from Manaus to the borders of Colombia, Venezuela and Peru received copies of MRA books and magazines.

The Archbishop of Manaus welcomed the force to his city. "The methods of MRA are close to the Apostolate of Catholic Action and the Legion of Mary," *A Critica* declared in an eight-column headline above a statement released to the press by the Archbishop.

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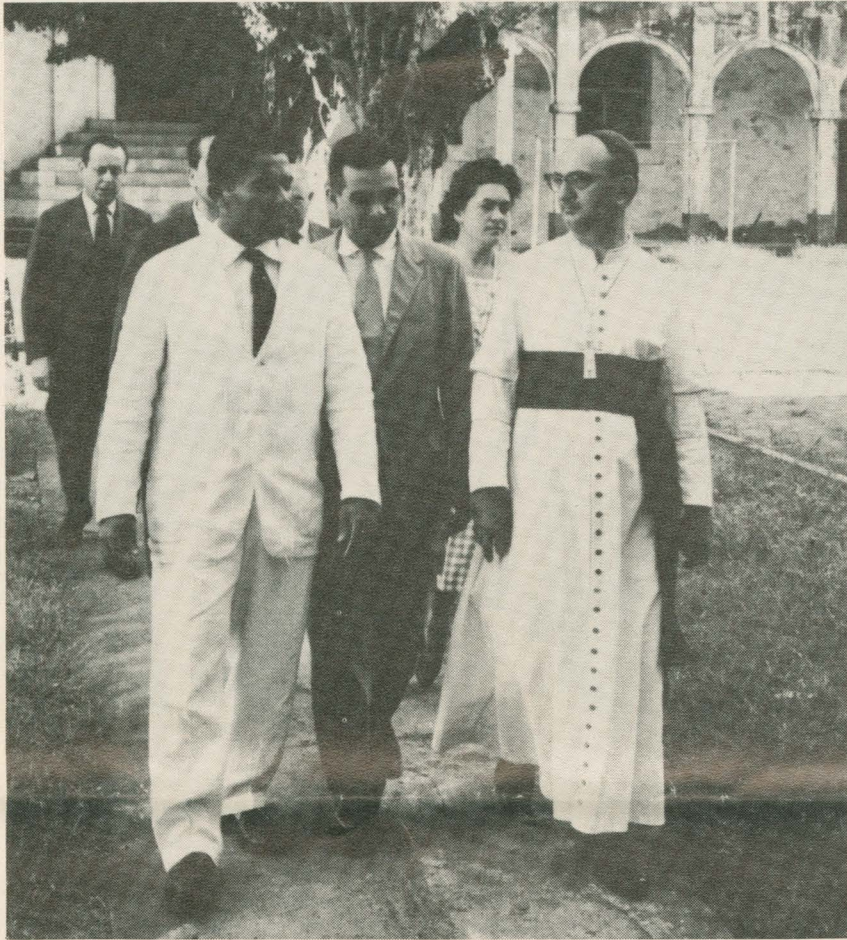


(Above) MRA force takes on Havana-trained Brazilian students in Manaus. Hans Bjerkholt (center foreground) for ten years a member of the Comintern, tells them of "the superior ideology" he has found. (Below) BRASILIA: Fourteen Rectors from the Federal Universities of Brazil meet in the office of the Minister of Education to plan how to counter the flow of students to Havana, Peking and Moscow, by sending a delegation to Caux. Ex-Communist Professor Vaitheswaran of India addresses them.



The 26th Light Infantry opens the mass demonstration in Manaus.





(Upper left) The Archbishop of Belem, Dom Alberto Gaudencio Ramos, leads Rio de Janeiro portworkers to a special showing of *Men of Brazil* which he arranged for priests and nuns at his Palace.

(Upper right) All the soldiers on duty in the vast jungles of the Amazon River basin receive the MRA Pictorial magazine.



(Left) On invitation of the Archbishop, Catholic sisters throughout Fortaleza attend a special showing of *Men of Brazil*.



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Damasio Cardoso, a portworker from Rio de Janeiro who left Manaus thirty years ago and who, since meeting MRA, has returned to his Catholic faith, told his fellow-countrymen at the rally, "A true patriot today is the man who fights for the moral re-arming of Brazil. I would rather be a hungry man in a free country than have a banquet in prison. Only with MRA can we keep our country free."

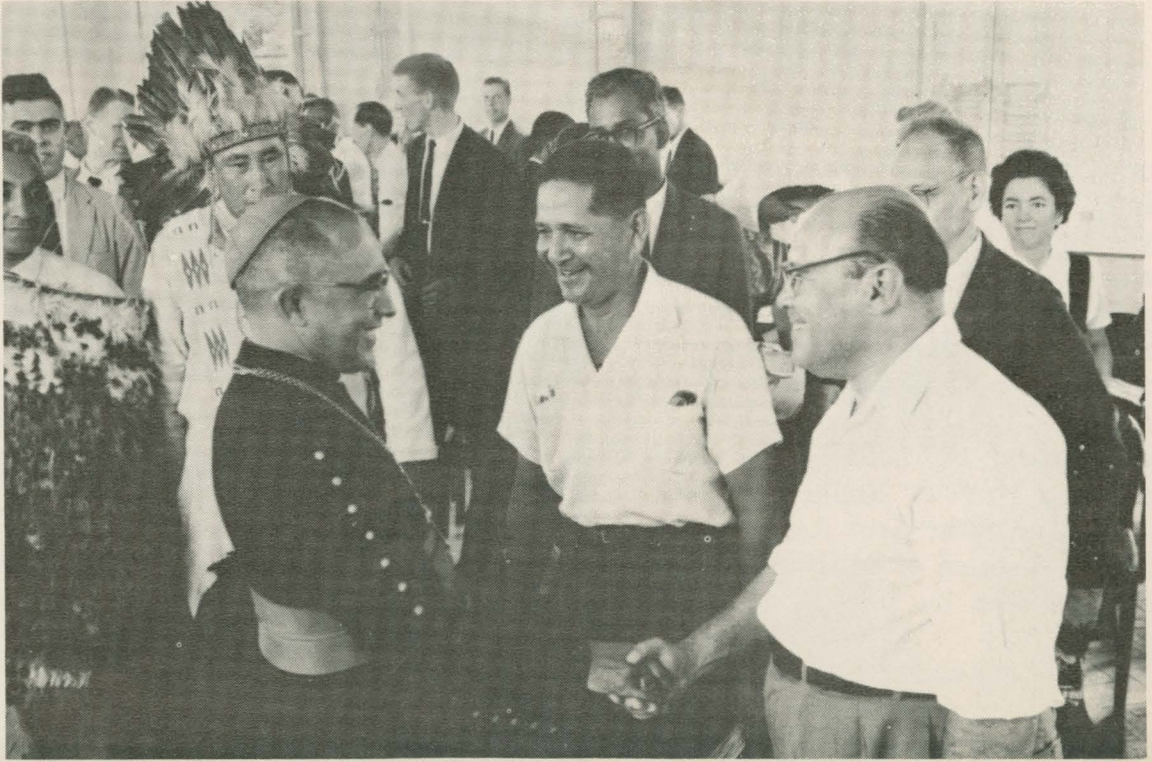
Summing up this whole triumphant move through Brazil, one Rector of a Northern university said, "Your impact on the Northeast here is the most important thing that has ever happened. You came at the most opportune time in history."

40,000 stream from Belem Municipal Stadium following showing of *The Tiger*.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF MANAUS

Dom Joao de Souza Lima said, "I will ask God's blessing on MRA that He enables you to awaken humanity while there is yet time.

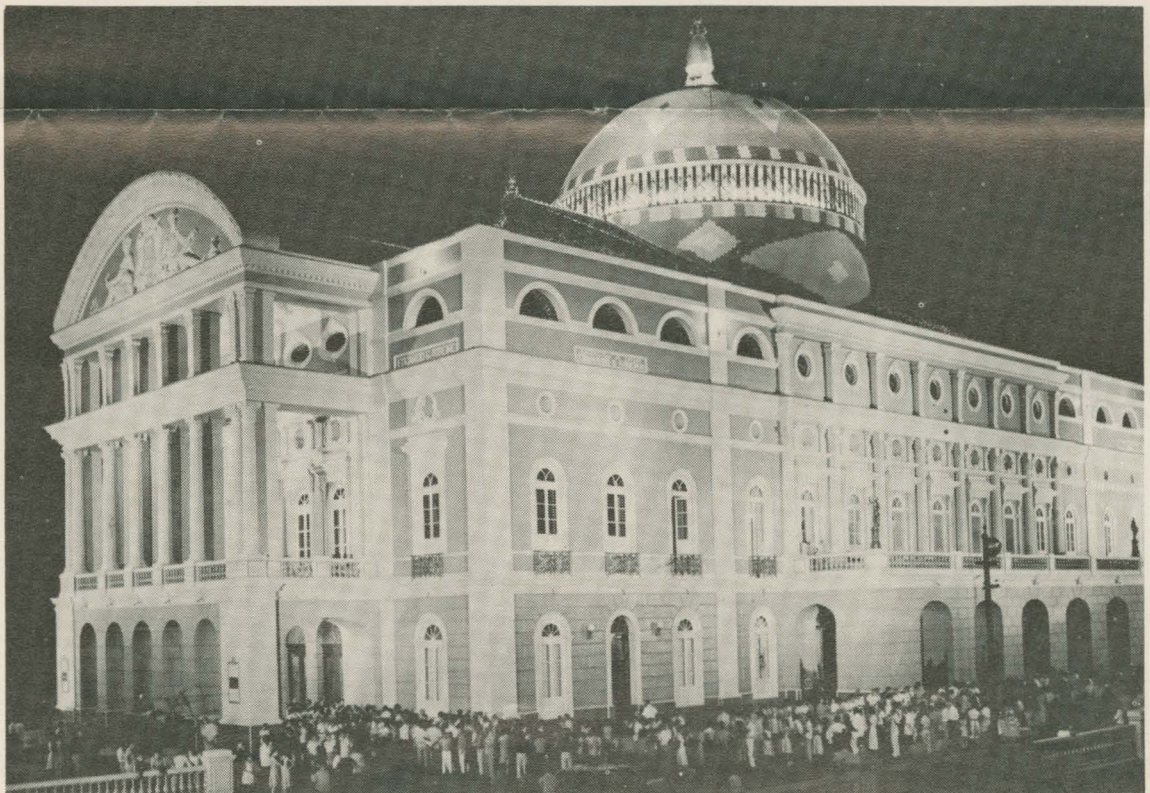
"This ideology with its basic principles can be the powerful positive force which awakens men, preventing total domination by Communism and stopping the hammer and sickle from becoming the emblem of all mankind."



The Archbishop of Manaus after receiving the MRA force greets the portworkers from Rio de Janeiro, Damasio Cardoso (center) and Nelson Marcellino (right).



Isaac Sabaa who employs 80% of the labor in Manaus and vicinity meets Zengakuren students. Beside him is General Vasco Krieuf de Carvalho, Commander of the 8th Military District of Brazil, largest in the world, almost one million square miles. (Far left) Mrs. Blair Buck, former President of the eleven-million-strong U. S. General Federation of Women's Clubs and Dr. Buck, the Virginia educator.



Manaus' famed Theatre Amazonas, filled to capacity for showings of *The Tiger*.

PRIME MINISTER AMINI INVITES TASK FORCE TO IRAN

Cornerstone of CENTO and with only a desert boundary dividing it from the Soviet Union along its 1,500 mile northern border, Iran is taking drastic steps to answer the threat of takeover from within through corruption and through force from outside by Communism.

Recognizing the need for an ideology Prime Minister Amini last week, in a message to the Caux Assembly, invited a task force of Moral Re-Armament to come to Iran in the near future.

"We are convinced that in the face of the delicate international situation the only way to save our civilization is through strengthening our moral principles," declared Amini.

"We have noted with great satisfaction and confidence the work accomplished by MRA task forces in different parts of the world."

The message to Dr. Frank Buchman was read to the representatives from 39 nations at Caux at a flag-raising ceremony to celebrate Iran's Constitution Day.

Twenty-three Iranian teachers, representing the 70,000 teachers of Iran, who are here for training on the directive of the Minister of Education, flanked General Abdollah Samsami, former Commander-in-Chief of the Southern Command of Iran, as he read the message to the Assembly.



Dr. Paul Campbell, welcoming the Iranians on behalf of Dr. Frank Buchman, at Caux, said, "We must now mount in our countries an idea powerful enough to give us the clean-up we need and to penetrate beyond Iran's 1,500-mile border with Russia to reach Moscow with a better idea."



Government-sponsored Iranian delegation of teachers at Caux.

"Iran has long-standing religious and moral traditions and has contributed greatly to the advancement of world civilization particularly in spiritual matters. It is in response to the inherent national feeling that we subscribe wholeheartedly to the principles of MRA."

Referring to the "officially sponsored" delegation at Caux for planning and training, Amini pointed out it would be "empowered to explore the possibility of the expedition of an MRA task force to Iran."

The twenty-three Iranians who represent every one of Iran's ten provinces have come partly at government expense and partly on personal sacrifice equivalent to four month's salary to pay their air passage to Switzerland.

"The fact that we have a common frontier with Russia," declared one of the teachers, Ahmad Sedghegooia, "represents a lesser threat of take over than the corruption prevalent within our borders. We teachers are going to become the army to back up the Prime Minister with the ideology of MRA so that he may succeed in his energetic battle against corruption."

The principal of the Teachers' Training College who lives within fifty yards of Iran's northern border with Russia, Hadi Adib Samiy, said, "I can see troops, tanks and armed strength from my window. We know the evils of Communism. People like those in my

country who are sunk in materialism give strength to Communism. We need strong measures to root out evil." Hadi Samiy said he was going to start in his college of 1,200 students and raise up a force of teachers and pupils to put MRA into effect in the whole nation.

Ali Massiha, another of the teachers, told the Assembly, "Islam taught us purity but I have been corrupt. This corruption lies at the root of what is betraying my country. We are bitterly critical of those whose extravagance leads to the poverty of the people. Here I have faced the fact that, in spite of my loud talk, I have lived the same way. I am giving my life to God to be used for the saving of my nation."

The delegation is formulating plans for a massive sweep of Moral Re-Armament through Iran. Announcing the first steps of their strategy General Abdollah Samsami told of the creation of a fund to dub the MRA film *The Crowning Experience* into Persian. "It is indispensable for the future of our country," he said, after giving £200 to begin a fund which would provide five copies of *The Crowning Experience* in Persian for national distribution. General Samsami, who cancelled a proposed trip to Germany in order to remain at Caux for further training, concluded, "We must have these ideological weapons if we are going to turn the tide of corruption and Communism in time."

Caux World Assembly

SPECIAL SESSION

"We are facing world revolution. There are only three possibilities open to us. We can give in, and some are ready to do just that. Or we can fight it out, and that means the risk of global suicide. Or we can find a superior ideology that shows the next step ahead for the Communist and the non-Communist worlds alike."

DR. FRANK N. D. BUCHMAN

At the special session beginning Friday, August 25, representatives from Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America and Australasia will meet in Caux, Switzerland, to plan an immediate strategy to answer corruption, Communism and war.

Forty-five picked representatives of Free China, under the leadership of former Premier and Chief of Staff, General Ho Ying-chin, and His Excellency Dr. Hollington Tong, who was Chinese Ambassador to Washington, will be at the Assembly.

From Japan will come former Prime Minister and Mrs. Kishi and a party of ten. In a message to the Assembly Kishi said, "At this hour when the very foundations of our free society are being threatened, MRA gives to those who fight a strong backbone and a clear vision of the future.

"We are creating this year an MRA Asian Center in Japan where the statesmen from East and West can meet and develop a strategy to save our continents.

Communism Outmoded

"We shall produce in our nations a society which will make the Communist society look outmoded and reactionary. And we challenge Europe and America to do the same."

Representatives of the Americas will fly to the conference to plan the next stage of the continental offensive.

Men from all parts of Africa including Morocco, Congo, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa, will be present; from India will be men who can speak at first-hand of the turning of the tide of Communism in Kerala. Picked teachers from the ten provinces of Iran, sent by the Minister of Education for two months' training in the ideology of Moral Re-Armament will also attend the Assembly.

Special planes will bring men and women from all spheres of life in Germany, France, Italy, Britain and Iceland, Finland and the Nordic North. Delegations from Germany

who have attended during the summer include Berlin officials, miners and industrialists from the Ruhr, members of the Bundeswehr and 28 officers of the new German Army stationed at the NATO headquarters in Koblenz.

Chancellor Adenauer who has been officially represented, declared in a recent message to Dr. Buchman, "In this period of history so fraught with danger, we need more than ever an ideological concept which is superior to Communism.

"I welcome the fight of Moral Re-Armament, beyond every difference of class, race and nationality, for the preservation of freedom and for peace. It is our task to ensure that our children likewise and grandchildren can grow up in freedom."

Hemispheric Offensive

One of the key points of strategy at the conference will be the planning of the next stage of the offensive in North and South America. Evidence of the massive move initiated by General Hugo Bethlem, Brazil's Ambassador to Bolivia and Pakistan, and Marshal Juarez Tavora, national hero of Brazil, will be presented as a pattern of ideological offensive for all nations.

General Carpentier, former Commander of the Ground Forces of NATO (Central Europe) and the man who trained the leadership of the Brazilian Army, flew from France to Brazil to play his part with General Bethlem and Marshal Tavora. He says, "We are at war, but that war today is being fought on the ideological plane. The maintenance of a balance of military power is essential, but Moral Re-Armament is necessary to win the ideological war. This is a war in which it is not the guns that speak, but the hearts and minds of men. As an old soldier I put all my faith in MRA."

Hans Bjerkholt, a founder of the Norwegian Communist Party and

former Comintern delegate, has also been taking part as the force moved through the Communist-threatened areas of Recife, Northeast Brazil and the Amazon.

"The United States has a great program of economic aid," he said, "and we ought all to be grateful for that. But even if America put all available dollars into programs of aid, this, without the mobilization of a moral ideology to cure corruption and the moral crises, would be of no effect, and contrary to its aim, would feed new corruption, create new crises, and raise antagonisms on all levels of the population.

"The inevitable consequences of such a development are dictatorship and greater risk of war. The answer is, and remains, Moral Re-Armament. This even the blind and ideologically deaf and dumb politicians must learn now to understand. They must begin to live and act in accordance with the reality in which we live today.

"Radio Moscow said some time ago that Moral Re-Armament is now entering on the final phase of world expansion establishing bridgeheads on every continent. This has been demonstrated in Recife and Northern Brazil. Within a few weeks the Communist timetable has been reversed and what the Communists planned to make a base for their conquest, has now instead become a bridgehead for MRA to win the whole of Brazil and Latin America. What has happened here will, in its further development, prove to be of world historic significance."

Tidal Wave

The special invitation to the session points out that a similar tidal wave of Moral Re-Armament sweeping through the nations this year would bring answers to every problem confronting government and people. It would restore a moral greatness to the millions. It would enable all nations to play an effective role in the challenge that confronts humanity.

The Crowning Experience:

WEST INDIES PRIME MINISTER ATTENDS SHOWING IN TRINIDAD

The Prime Minister of an area strategically located in the explosive Caribbean—the West Indies Federation—was guest of honor at a special showing of *The Crowning Experience* in Port of Spain, Trinidad, on July 21.

After seeing the film, the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Grantley Adams, said, "They told me this was an excellent film. It is past excellent. It is the most marvelous thing I have ever seen in my life. I think hundreds of thousands should see it, particularly at this time and in the West Indies."

The West Indies is scheduled to become independent in 1962. On its largest island, Jamaica, which lies 90 miles south of Cuba, a positive answer to the Castro-Communist threat was launched with a run of *The Crowning Experience* earlier last month.

The Caribbean situation is becoming more clouded by the threat of an avowed Communist candidate's winning the upcoming election in British Guiana, a colony 150 miles southeast of Port of Spain. Such an occurrence, according to Senator Dodd of Connecticut, would "bring the United States to the brink of catastrophe in Latin America."

Against this background leaders of the West Indies government attended *The Crowning Experience* with the

Prime Minister. Among those present were the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Ward; the Speaker of the Legislative Council, Mr. Duke; the Mayor of Port of Spain; Cabinet Ministers; Members of Parliament and Councilors.

Speaking to the audience, the famous West Indian cricket player, Wes Hall, said, "*The Crowning Experience* . . . brings a profound message of hope, peace and unity. I am glad the moral ideology of MRA has come to my people."

Among messages from three continents read to the audience was a message from Joel McCrea, Jeanette McDonald and seventeen other Hollywood stars. It said: "Here is a film with which we completely associate ourselves. With films like this, Hollywood can go on the offensive and build the moral fiber of nations."

After the film the president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce stayed behind to plan for showings throughout the island of Trinidad, for both local Chamber of Commerce groups and the masses in the public squares.

A taxi driver assessed the film this way, "It is what ordinary people in their hearts long for. If they do not get this they will blow up. Trinidad will change fast."



Ann Buckles, who co-stars with Muriel Smith in *The Crowning Experience*.

CALCUTTA CRITICS HAIL FILM

As news of strikes and lockouts was banner-headlined in the July 28th editions of the newspapers of Calcutta, India, the following reviews heralded the film, *The Crowning Experience*:

Amrita Bazar Patrika

"In a critic's career of over a quarter century which is packed with eventful memory of many lusty strides made by the screen, I have hardly seen a film which could reach the nobleness of purpose and magnitude of performance achieved by this one which is truly an exceptional film, bordering on a new experience.

"In heartily echoing the sentiments of many others who went lyrical over this film, I too can express my honest belief that *The Crowning Experience* is in itself a crowning reward for MRA's being concerned with its making, and is an inspired challenge to all making and all existing canons of film dramatic entertainment. The refreshing appeal and beauty of *The Crowning Experience* is overpowering. It gives a positive ideology of great zeal. After one sees it he would doubtless feel like throwing his whole weight into approval of the work of this brave organization that has set itself the goal of achieving global brotherhood."

Hindustan Standard

"It is not often that films with inspirational theses come the way of picture-goers, so this real life story of a Negro girl born of slave parents who rises to the position of one of America's most distinguished women has an enthralling effect on the mind of the audience. One feels better after seeing a film like this."

NEW SEASON IN LONDON'S WEST END

In the heart of London's West End *The Crowning Experience* opened again for an extended season at the Westminster Theatre beginning July 17. Simultaneously this film was the spearhead of a Moral Re-Armament ideological offensive led by British workers in Doncaster, the heart of the Yorkshire coal industry.

At a reception after the premiere in Doncaster, the president of the foremen's union of Great Britain's coal industry, Mr. L. Wormald, said, "So far people have not taken Communism seriously, but now they are beginning to see that they must decide. This film gives them the alternative they are looking for. This is the answer."

SIXTEENTH WEEK IN LOS ANGELES

Moving into its sixteenth week, *The Crowning Experience* will continue through Labor Day at the Carthay Circle Theatre in Los Angeles, California.

At the beginning of its run the *Los Angeles Herald Express* said of the film, "(It) shows every man, woman and child who sees it what they can do to go all out to try to save their nation."

In an editorial the *Los Angeles Examiner* wrote, "It emphasizes the strength of a nation founded on the rock of freedom, the eternal rebirth of justice no despotism can ever prevent. Here is a welcome breath of freedom's truth."