

A Look Into the MRA Movement

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Twenty years ago last winter the crew of a small ship stood at battle stations off the Italian mainland at the sea. The sea was dark. Four magnesium flares, slowed by parachutes, drifted down with a slowness that turned seconds into never-ending minutes.

In a glow of cold beauty, the flares bathed the sea with a terrible beauty. A feeling of stark nakedness permeated the navy men below as they listened to the drone of enemy bombers above, and then the inevitable whistle of the falling bombs.

Amid the din and turmoil of defensive action the urgency of the moment was not immediately conducive to ideological theories on the prevention of violent disputes among men. But that night, and the evening of other similar occasions later, contributed in no small way to serious thoughts and discussions among those men that there must be a better way.

ABOUT THREE weeks ago one of those former navy men, named Duncan, visited the world headquarters of Moral Re-Armament (MRA) on Michigan's Mackinac Island.

There he saw the only ideological movie studio in the entire western hemisphere; the largest sound studios in America outside Hollywood or New York.

There he saw (in color), the mid-west premiere of the studio's latest production, "The Voice of the Hurricane" which will soon be leased commercially. Its world premiere was two days earlier in New York, where it received excellent reviews.

EXCEPT FOR a few opening African scenes, the entire movie (including the hurricane sequences) was produced on MRA stages. Although the hospital was actually the MRA greenhouse. Technically superb, the film is a powerful, moving story of African unrest.

Effective? Visibly so to a young foreign student from Liberia in the audience.

"Since seeing this film," he told Duncan afterwards, "my thinking has changed."

Reaction such as this point up the urgency of MRA's long-range program to fight communism with some of the same communication tools which communists have used so successfully to further their own ends in the eternal struggle for men's minds.

THE CASE OF Cuba is a classic example. Once a country is taken over, modern weapons and ruthless pose state methods of imprisonment and execution make it extremely difficult to penetrate that country with any philosophy other than what is desired by that nation's rulers.

There are many countries remaining where the doors have not been slammed shut—yet. Some of these nations, especially in nearby Central and South America, are "critical."

MRA's efforts in some of these countries, notably in Brazil, have been enthusiastically received, and the end results rewarding.

OFTEN MENTIONED is the story of the 800 Japanese students who were invited to Moscow. The MRA people heard about this and asked them to Mackinac Island. Fortunately, the students accepted the MRA bid.

The group included some of the same agitators who gave James Haggerty such a rough time when the presidential press was in Japan trying to make advance arrangements for President Eisenhower's visit. (The trip was not made).

The students returned to Japan, where they became a powerful influence in the promotion of MRA ideals in that country. Some participated in MRA stage plays abroad, particularly in South America.

The government of Brazil was so impressed with the impact of the performances that free transportation was provided throughout that vast country.

While on the tours, the same ringleaders of the anti-American demonstrations in Japan, personally apologized to James Haggerty and to President Eisenhower.

SOME OF PUN CAN'S first thoughts were that these foreign countries certainly need moral re-educating with all the stories of grafting with America's hard-earned foreign aid money. And then he thought of the July issue of an Holiday magazine, which carries an enlightening article on the wonders of the New York city—and wonders they truly are—on the surface.

Naturally, nothing is mentioned of the moral decay in the world's largest city, which makes night travel hazardous to the point where some clergymen recently felt it necessary to urge parishioners to schedule meetings during daylight.

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Starting a week ago, about a thousand college and senior high school students from all over America; and from many foreign countries, began an intensive conference of work and learning.

"On-the-job" training is offered in theater, films, nursing and journalism.

FOUR POINTS, or the central aims to be discussed at the conference are the world in which we live, what we expect the last one third (or 80 years) of the 20th century to be, what type of man it will take to live in it, and how to reproduce him.

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New plays and films are being presented as regular features of the conference. There is also nightly entertainment for the students with hootenannies and variety shows.

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Shortsighted Judge Needed Vision Cleared

That the advent of the street car was not welcomed by everybody in Birmingham is evidenced by the following anecdote which has been handed down as stark truth, and as such we repeat it here:

Judge Partridge was justice of the peace in the village at the time, and perhaps because of the incumbency was looked upon with considerable reverence by the populace.

He was not strictly a modernist, and was fully satisfied with the Birmingham of the horse and buggy days. One morning he met John Bodine down at the four corners (one of the few things in Birmingham that hasn't moved).

On Dean's List

Prof. A. LeRoy Gresson, Jr., dean of students at Bowdoin College, announced today that Clayton R. Lewis, Jr., '65, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton R. Lewis, Sr., of 17846 West 14 Mile Rd., Birmingham, has been named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 1964-65 academic year.

and struck up a conversation.

"THERE'S A RUMOR going around about 'em putting in electric cars between here and Pontiac," quoth the Judge.

"Yup," came back John laconically. "Guess she's going through O.K."

Replied the astute judge, "Well I don't see what they want to do that for. Who in h— will ride in 'em when they get 'em? I won't." Tradition fails to inform us as to the judge's courage in the matter of convictions.

Woman to Teach In Livonia School

Roberta Wood of 1940 Cedar Hill Drive, Birmingham, will teach in the Livonia Public Schools next fall.

Mrs. Zena Sperry, director of personnel for Livonia Public Schools, reported that more than 4,000 applications were received for the 225 teaching and administrative positions which were filled this year.

Miss Wood, who holds a B.S. degree from Michigan State University, will teach second grade at the Wilson School.

During 1964, an estimated 11,000,000 needy persons in 39 countries will receive CARE self-help and medical assistance, as gifts from Americans. To provide this aid, which supplements CARE food programs, requires \$7,000,000 in contributions—roughly \$5 for every 8 persons who are helped.

Area Alumnus Leads Fund Drive Victory

Mrs. Earl Chessman of Birmingham was city chairman for the 1963-64 Monmouth College alumni fund drive which topped the goal of \$111,000 and set a new record for alumni support of Monmouth.

The local resident was one of 450 volunteer alumni campaigners in the nationwide drive among Monmouth alumni which ended June 30. The \$111,000 goal of the drive was based on \$1,000 goal for each year since the college was founded in 1853.

Mrs. Chessman lives at 51897 Mayfair Lane and is a Monmouth alumnus with the class of 1946.

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