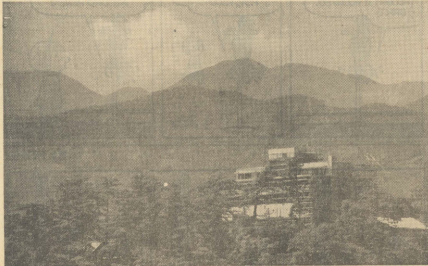


Odawara To Give Direction To Asia

— MRA Asian Assembly Center Opening Oct. 22 —



Distant view of the MRA Asian Center which is now under construction.



Shoshiro Kudo, chairman of the Asian Center Construction Committee.

ON an eventful day two years ago a senior member of the Japanese parliament made a decision. The member of parliament was Saburo Chiba, then chairman of the Security Committee of the Liberal-Democratic Party. The day was May 31, 1960. Three hundred thousand students were expected to surround the Diet and Chiba could not even get into his own office. "On a day like this," he told a colleague, "I want to do something fundamental for the future of the country."

A few months earlier he had promised Dr. Buchman, initiator of Moral Re-Armament, to build a center where men and women from every background in Japan could come and join with people from all over Asia in giving new direction to the continent. On that riot-torn day in 1960, Chiba took the train to Odawara to inspect a piece of land recommended by Governor Sogo of the National Railways. The inspection was brief. "I had other places in mind," he commented, "but this is obviously it."

So in the midst of riots was born the Asian Assembly Center for Moral Re-Armament at Odawara which will be formally inaugurated on October 22, this year.

In the years since the war hundreds of delegations have traveled from Japan to attend the MRA Assembly Center at Caux in Switzerland and to Mackinac Island in the United States. Now delegations will be coming from every continent to Japan.

The Pakistan Ambassador to Japan, Lt. General Khalid M. Sheikh, recently in his country's cabinet, says, "The Odawara Assembly can lead to unity and economic progress in Asia as Caux did in Europe."

The inauguration will be a national event, for already thousands of Japanese from every walk of life have had a part in financing the building of the center and men from Liberal-Democratic and Socialist Parties, from management and labor, from education and press will join in the invitation committee. They include former Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, as well as Governor Sogo, who will chair the five-day world assembly beginning October 22.

Five hundred million yen is the cost of the land and the first six-story building. This includes meeting and dining facilities for 1,000 people, equipment for film projection and for simultaneous translation into six languages, Tatami and Western style bedrooms, dining halls and on the roof, with a magnificent view over Sagami Bay, Sukiyaiki and Tempura rooms. The matching of tradition with modern concreting methods prompted the well-known architect, Junzo Yoshimura, to describe the design as "worthy of Japan."

From all parts of the country have come contributions in cash and in kind. A war widow, whose son suffered in the A-bomb blast in Hiroshima, gave her pension. One farmer



Japanese leaders plan with the architects of the Asian Center. From left to right: Saburo Chiba, M.P.; Masamichi Yamagiwa, Governor of the Bank of Japan; Keizo Shibusawa, former Minister of Finance; and Shinji Sogo, Governor of the Japanese National Railways.

mer sold a calf and another is giving a third of the produce of his farm. The head of the Kansai police contributes regularly one seventh of his salary and a Tokyo traffic policeman donated ¥10,000. Fukuoka citizens are supplying a Japanese dinner set for 70 and shipyard workers at Ishikawajima have started a fund of their own. Over 100 firms, including 15 private railways, nine electric power companies, breweries and airline companies and 92 per cent of the employees of one bank have had a part.

they will not find elsewhere.

"The opening of the Asian Assembly Center will make Japan the lighthouse for all Asian nations," says General Chang Chung, Secretary-General to the President of Free China.

"It will contribute to the establishment of permanent peace in Asia," says Prime Minister Ikeda.

The Mayor of Odawara, Juro Suzuki, says, "It is a great privilege for us to have this center." He has asked for the MRA plays to be shown in the city's new 1,600-seat auditorium and the city is going ahead with the construction of a special car park and a road up to the center.

MRA Asian Assembly Center Opens; World Meeting Starts

ODAWARA, Oct. 22.—With 1,200 delegates and guests from 41 countries present, the beautiful and modern MRA Asian Assembly Center was formally opened this morning and, with this, a five-day World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament got underway at Odawara.

Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda of Japan and official representatives of seven countries attended the auspicious opening of the MRA Center.

Members of Parliament from six countries, 20 Japanese Diet members, Governor Iwataro Uchiyama of Kanagawa Prefecture and Mayor Juro Suzuki of Odawara City were among those present.

Messages and greetings were received from 31 heads of state and prime ministers, and many members of diplomatic corps were at the opening.

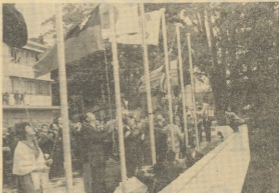
Following the playing of the Japanese national anthem, the flags of other nations were raised to the top of the flag poles.

This was followed by a commemorative program in the auditorium with Saburo Chiba, former Labor Minister, as chairman. Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, introduced the MRA delegates from many lands.

In his speech, Prime Minister Ikeda lauded the efforts being made by MRA, "to build new men who can build a new nation so that we may have a new world."

Peter Howard, British author and playwright, said that "Cabinets, if they are to govern successfully, must know how to change people. Otherwise, they will go downhill. One nation, with men who can change in their own hearts, can lead the world."

Former Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi stated in his speech that "the world is in confusion economically, politically and socially and in order to give an answer to this situation, MRA is an ideology that will remake men and bring true peace and prosperity, free-



dom and justice, to the world."

After the playing of the Korean national anthem, Col. Kim Chong Pil, head of the ROK Central Intelligence Agency, made a lengthy speech in which he traced the world current in science, culture, and other spheres, and then emphasized that "history is proceeding toward a one-world society but we lack a proper ideology."

He praised MRA and said he looked forward to the day when all disputes and hostilities will be ended and a one-world society will be achieved as destined by history.

A chorus of singers dressed in colorful national costumes of many lands, sang "The World Can Be One Family."

In the afternoon those present were transported by buses to the Odawara Civic Hall where a special performance of "The Tiger" by former Zengakuren students was presented.

Over 10,000 people and 100 firms had a part in the raising of the money needed to construct the MRA Asian Assembly Center, a six-story building having a magnificent view of Odawara City and Sagami Bay. The site of the center was the former residence of Prince Kan-In.



(Top): Raising the flags of many nations to the top of the flagpoles at the inauguration of the MRA Asian Assembly Center at Odawara.

(Bottom): Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda, on the left, speaking at the opening ceremony of the MRA Center. Interpreting at the right is Masahide Shibusawa.

MRA Assembly (2nd Day):

Youths Of Many States
Express Convictions

ODAWARA, Oct. 23. — The youths of many countries expressed their convictions on the second day of the five-day World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament, being held at the newly opened MRA Asian Assembly Center.

Each day of the Assembly

is being devoted to different subjects—mass communication and labor on October 24, women on October 25, politics and business on October 26.

Tonight again, "The Tiger," a play in 10 scenes, was performed by Japanese students, former members of the Zengakuren, at the Odawara Civic Hall. There will be another showing of "The Tiger" on October 25 from 7.30 p.m.

On October 24 and 26, "The Lighthouse," a new play in nine scenes by Masahide Shibusawa, is being presented at the Civic Hall from 7.30 p.m. General admission to these plays is ¥200, and admission for students is ¥100.

On Saturday there will be the world premiere of a musical play, "Space Is So Startling" by the British author and playwright Peter Howard.

Also scheduled during the Assembly is the presentation of a play, "The Next Chapter," by nine members of the Kerala State Legislature in India, representing the Hindu, Muslim and Christian communities.

Monday night, at the Center's auditorium, Ironing Cong Cuu, Vietnam Minister of Culture and Social Affairs, who is heading the Vietnamese delegation to the MRA Assembly, presented a special gift to the Center from President Ngo Dinh Diem of Vietnam.

The Vietnamese Minister expressed the hope that Japan would assist Asia not only technically but also morally and spiritually.

General Ho Ying-chin of China was also a speaker.

Gifts have been received from many lands in commemoration of the opening of the MRA Asian Assembly Center. They include a beautiful screen from the Republic of Korea and a striking calligraphic scroll from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Messages have also come from many countries and organizations. Abdel Khalek Hassouna, secretary general of the Arab League, has described the Center as "a concrete expression of the faith of the Japanese people in the ideology of Moral Re-Armament."

New arrivals have increased the list of MRA delegates attending the World Assembly. The following are additional names of delegates who were not included in the list published on Page 7 of the October 23 issue of this newspaper:

CANADA—Chief Wiking Balfour, 80-year-old chief of the Stony Indians; Mrs. Mathers, former president, Chamber of Manufacturers.

CHINA—General Ho Ying-chin, former Prime Minister.

GERMANY—Mr. Richard Bledack, miner; Mr. Kari Schock, industrialist.

NORWAY—Mr. Hans Bierholt, co-founder of the Norwegian Communist Party and former County Delegate.

SOUTH AFRICA—Mr. Japie Basson, Member of Parliament.

SWITZERLAND—Hansjörg Hanzli, section chief of the General Staff of the Swiss Army; Mr. Kari Heubainezer, president of the board of the largest cooperative food store chain in Switzerland; Josef Leo M. F., president of the Farmers' Association in Central Switzerland.

TRINIDAD—Conrad Hunte, vice captain, West Indies cricket team.

UNITED STATES—Mr. and Mrs. Russel Schlaberg, former editor, Hollywood Citizen-News; Mr. Parks Shibley, partner, Brown Brothers Harriman.

WEST NEW GUINEA—Mr. Damsidan, Mr. Maray, Mr. Nere.

At MRA Assembly:

Mrs. Kato Urges Gov't To
Make Concessions To ROK

ODAWARA, Oct. 24 (UPI)—Mrs. Shizue Kato, Socialist member of the Japanese Upper House, today urged the Japanese Government to make concessions to the Republic of Korea in the ROK-Japan normalization talks.

Mrs. Kato referred to Col. Kim Chong Pil's visit to Japan in her address to the Moral Re-Armament world assembly. Kim, considered the second most powerful man in Korea, visited Japan earlier this week to confer with government leaders about the normalization talks and also attended the opening ceremonies of the MRA Asian Center here.

"If we can't give Col. Kim what he wants, we may have the same situation here that the U.S. has in Cuba. My political party does not have the right policy" toward South Korea, she said.

Mrs. Kato added, "today I shall take the responsibility on my shoulders to change my party's policy."

She also urged the government "to bring about a good result" in the normalization talks.

"I will not fear those who oppose me, but guided by God I will take this responsibility to help bring about unity be-

tween Japan and Korea."

Although a Socialist, Mrs. Kato, 63, has disagreed with her party at various times in the past.

Also speaking to the world assembly today were British journalist Peter Howard. He said he did not know what Col. Kim—now in the U.S.—would discuss with President Kennedy, but "I do know that MRA is at the forefront of his (Kim's) thinking."

Miss Diana Van't Joojerhuis of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, said in a speech at the MRA world assembly meeting, "the problem in my country is not color—it is character."

She said it was the "superior feeling of white people which led to hatred." She added, "during the past six years we have had 31 interracial conferences in South Africa through MRA."

MRA Asian Center Completed



MRA delegates presenting a chorus of the MRA song "Fuji" in their respective national costumes at the ceremony to mark the completion of the MRA Asian Assembly Center.

The MRA Asian Assembly Center was formally completed in Odawara Sunday with a brief ceremony attended by Shinji Sogo, president of the Japanese National Railways, and 90 MRA leaders in Japan and abroad.

The newly completed center is to be used as the site of the international conference of Moral Re-Armament movement scheduled for October 22 through 25.

Kim Chong Pil, the visiting director of the ROK Central Information Agency, was the guest of honor at a reception

held at the Center Sunday afternoon. On Sunday evening, the MRA film "El Condor," depicting the revolutionary movement in Peru was shown in a premiere.

Delegates to the World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament, to be held at the new Asian Assembly Center at Odawara, have been arriving in rapid succession.

In addition to those whose arrival has already been reported, 14 delegates from the United States arrived at Tokyo International Airport by PAA Friday night and delegates from Canada and India by BOAC the same night.

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MRA Asian Center To Open Oct. 22

One thousand people from 39 countries are expected to attend the opening of the Moral Re-Armament Asian Assembly Center at Odawara on October 22.

They include Cabinet Ministers or official representatives from Korea, Malaya, New Zealand, Taiwan, Vietnam, Iran and Cyprus. Messages of greeting have already been received from 11 Heads of State and Prime Ministers.

Following a meeting of members of the Committee of Invitation and other Japanese leaders, the following statement was issued:

"The opening of the MRA Asian Center at Odawara will start an offensive throughout Asia to capture the ideological initiative from Peking."

Attending the meeting were Governor Shinji Sogo of the Japanese National Railways, former Labor Minister Saburo Chiba, former Minister of Agriculture Hideo Sudo, former Defense Ministers Naka Funada and Tokutaro Kimura, other Diet members from the Liberal Democratic and Socialist parties, presidents of industrial companies, and others.

The Committee of Invitation heard Peter Howard, British journalist and author, declare: "A nation without an ideology today will be without foreign markets in 20 years. A nation with the right ideology will capture the trade and the imagination of the world. From Odawara an idea can go forth that will unite Asia and the world. This nation with MRA can produce prosperity that will satisfy the hunger of the millions."

inspiration from seeing "The Tiger."

Another world premiere will be "The Lighthouse," a Japanese play specially written for the opening of the MRA Asian Assembly Center, which will be shown on October 24 and 26.