

## 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.

# 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.