



The Mayor of Hiroshima presenting the Mayor of
Berlin with a wooden cross made from a tree that
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Dear Mr. Murray,

It has been a long time since we last saw each other, but there have been many reminders of you this past year in Europe and I wanted to send a brief line to say so. I heard a while ago from Dave, so I know that you are in good health, and felt you might like a short report of our work abroad.

Moral Re-Armament is making strides over here. Dr. Konrad Adenauer says it has become a household word in Germany. The British press is talking about it being a secret force behind the Schuman Plan, and European newsreels feature latest events at the Caux World Assembly as an answer to the war in Korea.

The enclosed program covers the first ten days of this Assembly. The contrast to twenty-one years ago when I embarked on my first travelling team is striking. Then we were a couple of dozen full-time workers. Now we are a couple of thousand from twenty nations operating in eighty-two countries, with an influence on both sides of the Iron Curtain which newspaper and radio men say is incalculable.

The Japanese all-party delegation of seventy has been called by SCAP the most important since the war. They came by special plane from Tokyo and will return via Britain and the United States. Already they claim to have found a unity which can be a model for Yoshida's new coalition cabinet. Anything that you can do for them during their visit to Washington July 27 to 31 will pay real dividends for our country in Asia.

A fascinating feature of our work over here is the winning of scores of communist leaders from Marxism. Harry Pollitt blamed the Party's defeat at the recent British elections on MRA. In the Ruhr, where I have been this winter, it has been a chief cause of the recent decline in communist strength. Implications for our own Government policy are obvious, and may explain why a State Department representative said at dinner the other evening that he had had requests from five different departments for a report on Caux.

You may have seen that the French Government, at our recent Whitsun demonstration in the Ruhr, awarded Frank Buchman the Legion of Honor for promoting European unity, and Foreign Minister Schuman wrote the foreword to his just-published "Remaking the World."

With affectionate messages from Duncan Corcoran and myself, and remembrances to our friends in the office,

Sincerely,

John McC. Roots

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Mr. Philip Murray, President United Steelworkers
Pittsburgh, Pa.

PS: The Assembly program goes by separate post. Enclosed is a picture of the Mayor of Hiroshima presenting the Mayor of Berlin with a wooden cross made from a tree that survived the atom bomb.