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Day of All Things, 1977

Holiday Speech:

"The Desire of All Things"

"The Desire of All Things" was the title of Father's holiday message. "All things were made to fulfill the purpose of creation to fulfill the love of God. God created all things to fulfill His love. If God were the exist without that aspect of love, there would be no meaning in His creation," Father opened.

Father observed that all of us want to become true men, men who can receive God's love. All things desire to feel God's love by receiving the love of true man. Man's purpose is to be that channel of true love.

However, because of the Fall of Man, man has never reached perfection and is not able to receive God's love. Since God created man and things to have a reciprocal relationship of love, He is not yet perfected, either. People today talk about love, but no love today, not even the love of parent or the love between husband and wife, can compare to God's love, because they are still in the state of imperfection.

Throughout history, God has been working to restore man. The Divine Principle tells us that restoration begins with one man, so we must look for that man, the Messiah. The purpose of the Messiah is to liberate imperfect love and elevate it to perfection. Since love has become the prey of Satan, so the Messiah must restore and sanctify it so that man can be given the love of God. The mission of restored man is to elevate love to a higher standard than in the Satanic world.

If God were sending the Messiah to the Satanic world just to live at that level, that would take no time at all. But the Messiah must work to elevate the standard of love. God's love will begin to reach us at the point when we elevate our love higher than Satan.

Father pointed out that we set up our own 7 year course to establish that standard of love. Half of that time we work alone and half with our spouse to successfully lay the foundation on the individual and family levels. In this course we accumulate assets in the period before our blessing. By our hard work we make it possible to stand on a good foundation. That training will make us an independent couple before God, Father explained

Tests will always come from Satan, said Father, but the religious person can overcome persecution. Now the Unification Church and Father are receiving world-wide persecution; therefore, we can become a religion on the world-wide level.

Father told us that when he rises in the morning, he immediately thinks of going out. This is because in the father's position, he must go out to love the children. When he was single he worked and suffered, wanting to build a foundation for his future wife.

Father explained that God sends young people to the Unification Church
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Father and Mother received flowers from the New York members at the conclusion of the holiday celebration.

A Day of Joy and Thanksgiving

Members from the New York area joined our Parents in celebrating the 15th observance of the Day of All Things on Friday, June 17th. It was a full day of worship and festivities with the morning service in the Manhattan Center and all-afternoon activities on the grounds of Belvedere.

The morning began with the traditional service at 7:00 A.M., followed by Father's holiday sermon. His topic was "The Desire of All Things" -- a harmonious world united by the love which comes from God to man and through his family to all creation. After Father's message Mr. Salonen presented our Parents with an elaborate "Happy Day of All Things" plaque, a round mirror encircled with white wicker, ribbons, and flowers, and inscribed across the center. Also presented were gifts from the American family and the celebration cake which Father and Mother cut as the New Hope Singers sang a beautiful hymn of Hosanas.

At the conclusion of the morning program, members scattered across the city for 2 or 3 hours of activities in their areas. By 1:00, everyone converged at Belvedere where the afternoon festivities began with an abundant holiday feast including Korean pulgogi, broccoli, rice, kimchee, and lots of watermelon and cake. The afternoon was filled with activities -- members could attend the Divine Principle lecture contest or the talent contest, see the movie, "Thoroughly Modern Millie," or join in the sports

competition on the east lawn. Father watched the sports, and at one point declared that there should be no more spectators--only participants. Soon hundreds of people, including Col. Pak, were running, jumping, and competing with each other. The climax of the games was the final tug-of-war when both sides pulled so hard the thick rope snapped in two.

Another great feast was served in the evening, after which everyone gathered on the south lawn for the evening entertainment. After Father and Mother arrived, Mr. Salonen opened the program with the presentation of awards

to the winners of the lecture and talent competitions. In the Divine Principle lecture competition, it was New York Church Director Ryoichiro Sawada's lecture on love which captured first place, with Kathy Winings and Ron Johnson placing second and third, respectively. From now on, lecture competitions will be based on the 6-hour lecture material prepared by Mr. Chung Hwan Kwak. All members are encouraged to prepare for the next competition of October 1.

Elizabeth Green's performance of an original composition won her first prize
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Church Challenges NCC to Dialogue, Public Debate

On Friday, June 24, President Salonen publicly issued a challenge to the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches to an open debate on the theology of the Unification Church. The challenge was issued at a press conference called in the wake of the Commission's issuance of a statement purporting to be a critique of the Divine Principle which concludes that the Unification Church is not "Christian."

The 11-page statement was made public on Tuesday, June 21. The four authors of the document contended that the Unification Church is not Christian because "Its doctrine of the nature of the Triune God is erroneous...Its Christology is incompatible with Christian teaching

and belief (ed. specifically that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine) and...Its teaching on salvation and the means of grace is inadequate and faulty." It goes on to call into question the authority of the *Divine Principle*.

Present at the press conference, in addition to Mr. Salonen, were Dr. Herbert Richardson, Dr. Warren Lewis, and Michael Mickler, a graduating senior at the Unification Theological Seminary. Dr. Richardson, professor of religion at the University of Toronto and theological consultant to the Unification Church, began by expressing appreciation to the Commission that its statement was based upon serious theological considera-

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During the afternoon, Father visited the Belvedere pond.



Breathtaking stage decorations provided a panoramic background.

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Holiday Speech

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for training. If we remain faithful even when God doesn't recognize us, we will reach the highest point and God will trust us. We will all go through lonely and difficult moments but we must still feel: "No matter what I will go on." We have only to follow Father, but he has no one to follow, he pointed out.

Then Father returned to the central theme, the desire of all things, and spoke of the desire of woman. Women are looking for love; they are looking for a man who can represent God and give God's love to them. God's love is eternal, unchanging and absolute. So a woman is looking for a man whose love will be absolute, unchanging, eternal and unique. Husbands must strive to become more like God. Only with the love of God will the two become one. We must think of our spouse as absolute, unchanging and eternal to make a foundation for God's love. To our children, we must be able to show them that love is better than fighting. The love between husband and wife is the first step to unity with the children. The desire of women, then, is to receive love from a man who is in the position to give the love of God.

The same is true with both children and all creation. Because children receive God's love directly through their parents, they are in the most ideal position. Parents, even if divorced, still hold on to their children in the hope that they will be better than themselves. The worst crime is one committed against your children. In that situation forgiveness cannot come from God-it must come from your children. But if children commit a crime, their parents must repent before God.

The greatest heritage we can give to our children is the love of God. In their immaturity they may not understand, but we must introduce them to and teach them the love of God.

God cannot compromise the standard of love. Anyone hurting the love of God

cannot be forgiven. Father stressed that in our church we must establish such a tradition of love and happiness between husband and wife that there could be no jealousy, only praise. Such love is God's monument.

Father encapsulated the course of love, saying that God's desire is to give His love to Adam and Eve, who will give it to their children who in turn will love all things of creation. The desire of Adam and Eve is to receive God's love and give it to their children and creation. The desire of children is to receive the love of their parents and to love the creation. The desire of creation is to receive love from all children of God. All things of creation can feel holy and will thank God for giving His love through man. Then the world will become a holy and beautiful world, the kind which Adam and Eve desired.

"So can you treat creation right?" Father asked. Many people can't appreciate the creation, only complaining about it. If we really love the creation it will blossom and serve us. All of the great literature has been trying to describe the beauty of nature. But we shouldn't think that we are below that beauty, because the whole earth is within man. When we are happy the whole universe has joy, so we should live in joy. To do that we must live a life of service and gratitude, praising nature as God's handiwork.

We must all go the way of indemnity, though, because it is unavoidable. Father encouraged us to pay off our debts while still single. Then wherever they go, husband and wife will become an invincible force, liberators of sin and source of love.

We are not merely employees of the Unification Church, Father reminded us, but recipients of the foundation that Father laid. In that way we are our own employer, and we can have no complaint. We should go beyond our complaints. In conclusion, we pledged to become the kind of people to influence God, heaven and earth, and our spouses.



Father and Mother surprised everyone by singing "Oh, Danny Boy" in English.



...p for Father's Holiday speech, "The Desire of All Things."

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Celebration

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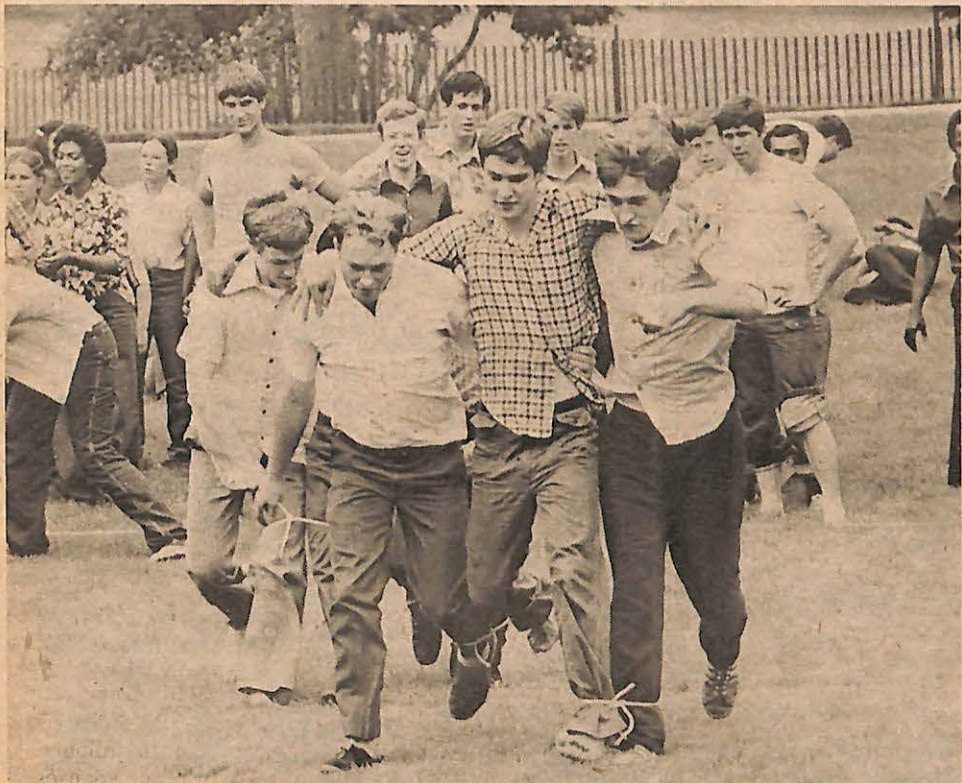
in the talent competition. Second prize winners were "Woody and Company" (Woody Suttles, Pam Wilson and Kitty Jenkins), and the third prize went to John Raucci and Richard Kilbourne.

The entertainment program began with a performance of the Fan Dance by the Korean Folk Ballet, followed by the New Hope Singers International singing American, Japanese, Italian, and Korean songs. The Barrytown Players presented a mime rendition of a puppet master and his creation, and a comedy monologue by Bento Leal. The Korean Folk Ballet appeared again in the Hour Glass Drum Dance, then the Go World Jazz Band really brought the house down with several numbers, and some of Father's

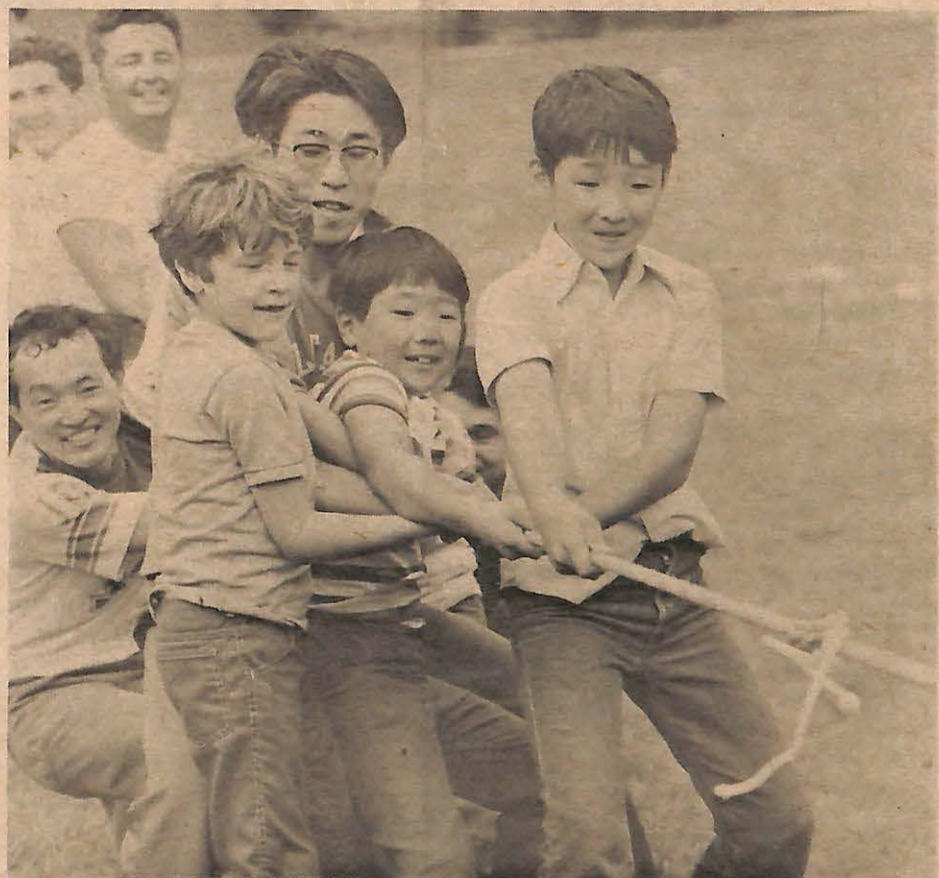
children jumped onstage to dance to the music. After Kevin Pickard and Jim Clark's jazz improvisation on trumpet and clarinet, the band toned everything down to serve as the back-up for Hyo-Jin's star vocal performance.

It was after the final bow of the Performing Arts members that all the other children of our True Parents came on the stage, singing for the New York family. Col. Pak proudly announced that the children are doing very well in school -- especially the girls, all three of whom just received straight "A" report cards. In a most memorable appearance, Father and Mother sang "Oh, Danny Boy" together in both English and Korean, closing the heavenly celebration of the Day of All Things, 1977.

"...unless you turn and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." And so they did--before the afternoon was over, the whole New York family had joined in the games on the east lawn.



Mr. Ryoichiro Sawada, Director of the New York Church and winner of the Divine Principle lecture competition.



Hyun-jin and Heung-jin join in the tug-of-war competition.

Church President Welcomed By Members in Southeast

Church president Neil Salonen recently visited Atlanta, Georgia for a series of media interviews and met with Church members there. A warm summer evening provided the setting for his visit with members of the Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Tennessee families on Sunday, June 19. Joined by a local MFT, the group gathered on the lawn of the Atlanta center to welcome Mr. Salonen and present him with a Father's Day card and fresh citrus fruit picked by the members from Florida orchards. As Mr. Salonen spoke to the gathering, everyone enjoyed ice cream and watermelon--lingering together until nearly 1:00 A.M.

Monday morning, Mr. Salonen was interviewed by Jane Simons of WRNG radio in Atlanta. As part of a 3-day special on "cults", the interview and calls from the listening audience lasted about an hour. Susan Reinbold, Director of Media Relations for the Church's National Headquarters, accompanied Mr.

Salonen. For lunch, they met Billie Speed, Religion Editor for the *Atlanta Journal*, at the Omni, a huge new hotel complex in Atlanta. Ms. Speed is planning a major feature on the Unification Church, and the luncheon stretched into a 3-hour meeting. Her analysis of the criticism the church receives was that it will pass, just as initial criticism of other Christian leaders like Billy Graham and Oral Roberts has yielded to respect over the years.

The final interview of the day was with WSB television news, and focused on the just-released statement by the National Council of Churches.

The Atlanta family hosted Mr. Salonen for dinner on Monday night before taking him to the airport. Laden with fresh fruit and other gifts from the members in the Southeast, he returned to New York.

NCC Challenged

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tion and did not have the intent of calling into question our existence as a religious institution. He also pointed out that this was the Commission's second report, which is of a higher tone than its first report, issued in December 1976. He asked the media however, to consider the following points:

1. The way it came into existence. Our requests for dialogue with the commission have been repeatedly turned down, he said. At no time was any representative from the Unification Church officially consulted about our doctrine.

2. It is an accepted procedure in the academic world that members of a religious group have the right to interpret their own religious documents. Also, he said, it is a rule of justice that an accused person appear in court.

3. A law selectively applied against one group is unjust. The standards of the NCC used in judging the Unification Church "unChristian," he said, have not been applied to the Council's own members.

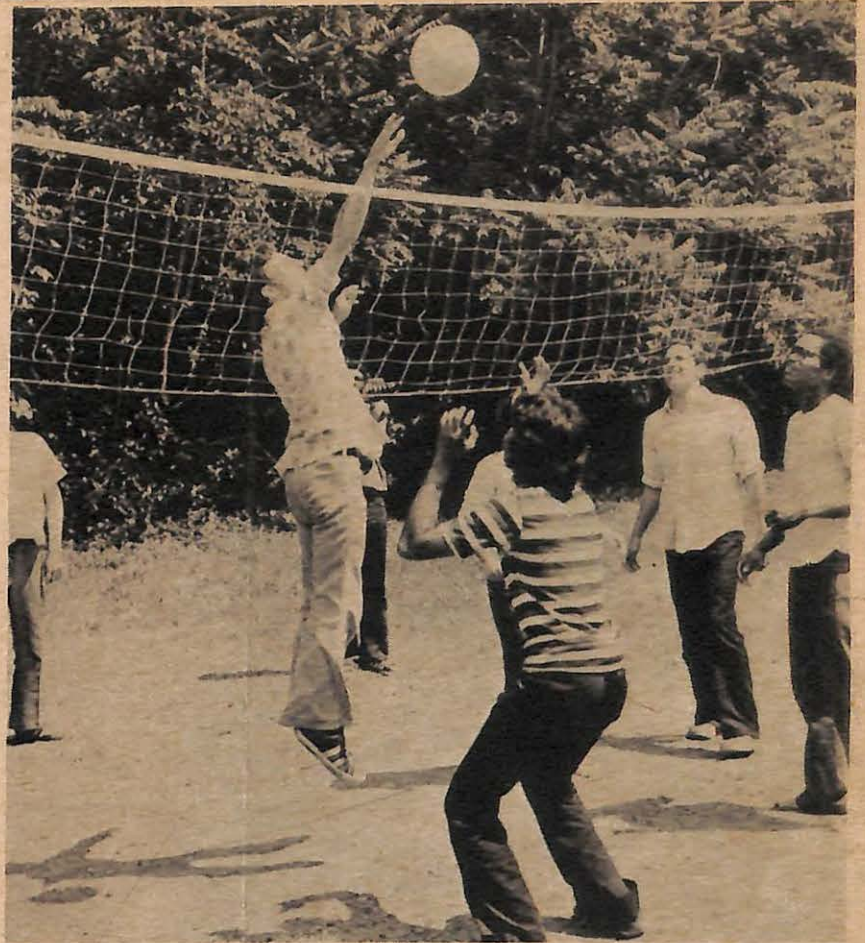
4. One of the authors of the report, Dr. William Hendricks, is an active member of Citizens Engaged in Freeing Minds, a deprogramming organization.

Dr. Warren Lewis, professor at both the New York Theological Seminary and

the Unification Theological Seminary, put the controversy in a historical context. Each member of the church council, he said, was once considered heretical. "Who decides who is a Christian?" he said. "Ask the person himself, not his enemies." Using narrowly defined doctrinal standards to exclude someone from the Christian fellowship, he said, is regressing to "an older style of theologial discourse." In so doing, he said, the commission has hung up a sign: "Establishment Club: Moonies Need Not Apply." He asked rhetorically: "Will they apply these standards to the Mormons? How about the Quakers and Swedenborgians, who are members? (of the NCC)" In conclusion, he appealed that the Commission strive for greater accuracy in their perceptions of the Unification Church's doctrine -- nine out of ten points of difference cited were inaccurate, he said.

Mr. Salonen concluded the conference by announcing that a well-known theologian was willing to chair a debate between the Faith and Order Commission and representatives from the Unification Church and that the Commission was being approached with the proposal for public debate.

The report does not necessarily represent the opinion of all members of the Faith and Order Commission and has not been approved by the Council itself.



Fresh air, sunshine, and good company were thoroughly enjoyed by participants in the Pennsylvania workshop. Above, John Pace reaches for a smash.

Philadelphia Workshop

One Family Under God

by Bonnie Blair

I was fortunate to visit the beautiful foothills of the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania to participate in the weekend workshop program presented by the Philadelphia family. Arriving after dark on Friday evening, we were all amazed to step out under a sky so full of stars, and to see fireflies blinking on and off all over the meadow in the camp.

When the morning sun peeked in the windows the next morning, we jumped out of bed to explore our new surroundings and play a lively game of volleyball in the meadow. Members and guests from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware had arrived during the night and comprised a large and enthusiastic gathering.

While workshop coordinator Jack Ashworth tuned his guitar, tambourines and songbooks were passed around the room. Soon the whole building resounded with joyful music. New Jersey State Director Bill Baum was introduced

and began his lecture on the Principle of Creation by welcoming everyone. His comment that "Every workshop is a unique experience--because every one is a different combination of unique people" rings in my ears as I think back over the weekend and to the many workshops I've been a part of. We were embarking on a new and rich experience.

Throughout the weekend, the lectures on the *Divine Principle* continued to inspire and stimulate both guests and members alike. Pennsylvania State Director Marc Lee, Bill Baum, and Jackie Ashworth cooperated to make a powerful and moving presentation of the Principle.

Between lectures and discussions, the groups had a chance to put their unity to test on the volleyball court, where a few people distinguished themselves as real pros and everyone had a great time. A nature walk on Sunday afternoon turned into a swim in the nearby river for one group which discovered foot-long golden carp crowded in deeper pools.

"Even though each of our lives is very different, we can find a lot in common in our personal search for God," said Stefan Pfaender, coordinator of the 5-day workshop program. And it was true. As members and guests alike shared personal testimony of their experiences, the whole group developed a deeper sense of oneness. Many of the guests felt inspired to continue on in the 5-day program. "I've heard a lot said against the Unification Church," said one guest Sunday night, "but like the Bible says, 'You will know them by their fruits.' And I think these people are pretty good fruits."

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