Our Leader Meets South Vietnamese President Thieu and US Leaders

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Sun Myung Moon on Capitol steps with US Senator Strom Thurmond

President Nguyen Van Thieu, a number of Senators and Congressmen, and other Prominent People have recently met the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, founder of the International Federation for Victory over Communism. Rev. Moon met with President Thieu during the President's recent visit to Washington, DC.

Meeting with Rev. Moon in late February were Admiral Bender, Commandant of the US Coast Guard, and Sen. Edward Kennedy-of Massachusetts. Rev. Moon returned to Capitol Hill in mid-March for meetings with Senators Jesse Helms (R), North Carolina; Hubert Humphrey (D), Minnesota; Strom Thurmond (R), S. Carolina; William Brock (R) Tennessee; and Senator James Buckley (Conservative) New York. He met at that time, Representative Richard Ichord, (D) Missouri; and Republican Representatives William Mailliard, California; Earl Landgrebe, Indiana; Guy Vander Jagt, California; Floyd Spencer, South Carolina; Philip Crane, Illinois; and Trent Lott, Mississippi. Mr. Cooper Holt, Executive Director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars also talked with Rev. Moon.



Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han with US Senator Jesse Helms

"The meetings were very, very successful," commented Mike Leone, Special Assistant of FLF. "All ran over their allotted half-hour, many lasted for an hour," Rev. Moon discussed national and international problems, stressing the danger of Communism. "He often mentioned that the United States is still the main target of the Communists -- that, although their methods may be different, their goal of domination has been the same as it has been for years. Pres. Thieu and Rev. Moon were able to share very deeply their concern for their two countries which have both been attacked and continually threatened by the communists."

Rev. Moon also discussed the activities of the Freedom Leadership Foundation, as well as those of the One World Crusade, an international organization he has created to work for spiritual rebirth and regeneration among young people. According to Mr. Leone, Rev. Moon offered the help of FLF members to each of the Congressmen and was in turn given their support and good wishes.

Rev. Moon, well-known in Asia for his religious activities, is the founder of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, an international organization having branches in many countries and in forty-nine states in the US. Many of Congressmen visited by Rev. Moon have previously received Dr. Osami Kuboki, president of the Japanese chapter of the IFVC and chairman of the 1970 World Anti-Communist League Convention in Tokyo.