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Blessing '97 at RFK a Resounding Victory



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Who would have thought we would see the day that Father would declare, speaking in Korean through an interpreter, "On this day of November 29, 1997, at RFK Stadium in Washington DC we are Blessing 3.6 million couples and 36 million couples together— 39.6 million couples are being Blessed in front of you."

It was truly a wonderful day—the culmination of decades of effort by True Father and months of feverish activity in Washington and around the world.

Even arriving in Washington the evening before the event was special, the unseasonably balmy air in the late evening was quite unexpected having just left freezing weather in New York City only a few hours before.

The following morning was just as pleasant, overcast but not cold. The Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium looked fabulous as we approached—the bright yellow flags of the FFWPU



and the multicolored WCSF flags flapping in the slight breeze, crowds everywhere. The only forlorn note was the six, or was it ten, demonstrators led by Steve Hassan with placards near the entrance. Quite a drop from the massed protesters we had to run the gauntlet of at Yankee Stadium! Not surprisingly though, a TV anchor was doing her bit with the knot of dissent as her backdrop rather than the bustle and excitement around the stadium.

Nothing different there!

Outside the stadium, a satellite truck with two disk antennas beamed the Blessing ceremony to seven satellites, and the images were transmit-

ted by downlinks to 54 locations around the world. "The ceremony, sponsored by the Family Federation for World Peace, will link families of virtually every religion, race and culture," said festi-

val general secretary Neil Salonen in his statement to the press.

The scale of the event was monumental. Estimates of the attendance varied, but the Washington Post, not known for exaggerating Father's accomplishments, put the number at 40,000 people.

Right outside the entrance were huge tables piled with WCSF bags—two styles, sports or tote; I chose tote—for everyone attending. Inside the bag was a beautiful "Blessing Shawl" of white satin and gold trim (think of a long white scarf); the booklet of Father's speeches, True Love and True Family; a program and booklet about the week's events; a WCSF poncho; and a seat warmer, a thin cushion that got hot, and stayed hot for hours, and was a delight to sit on.

Moving on, another huge table with, what see **RFK** on page 14



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FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

Founder's Address at the Fourth World Peace Conference:

This address was given at the Opening Session on November 27, 1997, Washington, D.C.

I welcome you and extend my heartfelt thanks for your participation in this Fourth World Peace Conference of the Federation for World Peace to address the theme "A World Vision for the 21st Century."

I would like to personally invite you to a very special event at RFK Stadium on Saturday morning. Along with representative leaders of the world's religions, my wife and I will officiate the blessing of 39.6 million couples in 185 countries around the world. The goal for this ceremony was 3.6 million couples, but we went far beyond that to more than 36 million couples. Many couples from your countries will be participating. More than 30,000 couples will be at the stadium, and ceremonies worldwide will be connected via satellite and video. These couples are dedicating their marriages to God, promising to remain eternally faithful to their spouses and to raise their children with commitment, fidelity, and strong moral values. These couples are of different religious backgrounds, languages, races, and national origins, but what draws all of them together is a love of God and a belief that world peace begins with stable, healthy, and God-centered families.

I would like you all to observe this history-making ceremony but, more than that, I strongly encourage all of you gathered here to also participate and renew your own wedding vows before God.

For Mankind's Common Vision

Today I would like to share with you about the course that I have gone over the past 50 years in search of a common vision for humankind. After the devastating experience of World War II, all nations were searching for peace. God gave me the direction to build a global movement and help establish God's Kingdom on the foundation of 2,000 years of Christianity. The central message of this revelation is to find the formula course for "True Parents" and "True Family," which means those who live for the sake of others. But the failure of Korean Christian leaders to receive this message brought great disappointment to God, and I had to go a suffering course of rejection and humiliation, which led to my being imprisoned many times even though I was innocent. This providential mistake by the established religions provided the spiritual foundation for evil to run rampant in Korea, beginning with the division of that nation, and for the other calamities that have plagued the world this past half-century.

To understand why all this happened, we must understand the mission that God gave me 50 years ago to bring a special message to Christian leaders. That message is essentially the same today – but today the message is not just for Christians, but for Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, and all religions and denominations. The message is that the ideal of the true family, centered on God, is the basis for true relationships and peace

among individuals, societies, and nations.

As a young man, I desperately searched for the answers to the mysteries of human sin and suffering. I shed many tears and spent many years in lonely prayer fighting spiritual battles that most would never comprehend. After many years of searching through the Bible and the vast spiritual world, God revealed the true purpose of human life and the root cause of human suffering that originated in the Garden of Eden with the first human ancestors.

Ideal of True Love and True Family

Esteemed leaders! You need to know that God created all things for the sake of "True Love" and "True People." All creation is structured in pairs. Animals, plants, and minerals are arranged in subject-object relationships, and the harmonious give-and-take between them forms the base for all existence, for all energy for productivity, and for love and goodness. Humans were also created with this duality between the mind and body within the individual and between man and woman. God's ideal was for an individual's mind and body to be united, centered on His love, and then for perfected men and woman to unite in the family unit. In this way, Adam and Eve could become a true reflection of God's divine nature and become an object of God's love. Then they could bequeath to their descendants true love, true life, and true blood lineage emanating from God.

Adam's family was to be a family of true love, in accordance with God's ideal. The two ancestral human beings, Adam and Eve, were created with the expectation that they would transfer God's will and love to the world and all creation. Adam and Eve and their children were to establish a pattern that would have been the fundamental principle for all humanity to follow. Adam and Eve's descendants should have become one with God, accomplishing the unification of mind and body, and man and woman. They would create a stable foundation for peace, freedom, happiness, and hope to fill the world. It was God's ideal that this model be expanded not just to the level of country and world, but to the entire cosmos. Thus, it would be possible for a country to become patterned after the family unit which would expand God's family-level to the country-level, and the country-level could expand to the world-level centered on God. This would be called the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

The fundamental character and personality of an individual is formed in the family. Family is the starting point and foundation of love, personality, and life. The Principle of Creation teaches us that we are born in the cradle of our family through the love of our parents. We come to perfect ourselves as beings of love beginning as children who gradually grow to positions of spouse, parent, and grandparent. Ultimately, we pass to the spiritual world in the midst of love from our descendants. Family, therefore, is the most precious hearth of human love and life. It is more important than all value sys-

tems and ideologies as well as all politics and social systems. Through the family, history and country come into being and the ideal world starts. If there is no family, then there is no meaning in individual existence and there will be no passing of love through the generations.

Therefore, family takes precedence over all value, ideology, system, and structure. Family is the most precious and fundamental base for the love and life of men and women.

Origin of Man's Sin and Restoration of the Ideal of True Family

But, tragically, God's ideal of true family was never realized. The serpent tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden, and then Eve tempted Adam. Instead of God's true love, selfish false love was planted in the human race. Human history became one of sin and misery because our ancestors, Adam and Eve, entered into an illicit relationship with Satan. Because of the fall, the progenitors of the human race did not become good ancestors but, rather, evil ancestors corrupted by the root of evil life and evil blood lineage. The first family started with false love and did not establish the perfected true love character of a true person, a true couple, and true parents. The fruit of false love, fallen mankind's selfishness, destroys the true order, beginning with the discord of mind and body and expanding into division and struggle in the family, nation, and world.

The solution and cure for humankind's affliction, therefore, is to return to God through the principle of restoration by indemnity. Through true love for others, you can stop the struggle between your mind and body and be restored into your original character of true love. Humankind needs to receive the blessing and create an ideal family from true parents who are the model of true love character. We need to restore the individual and true family and expand true love and goodness to the world level.

Fifty years ago, I tried to bring this revelation to my fellow Christians, believing that this truth could unite the conflicting denominations and bring about the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. I never intended to form a separate church. However, God's message was met with denial and persecution by the established churches, and I was left with no choice but to make another foundation that has taken me 43 years to build!

Starting in Korea with the Holy Spirit Associa-

tion for the Unification of World Christianity in 1954, I sent missionaries to Japan, the United States, Europe, and all over the world. On that foundation we have built many organizations to expand the principles of the true family in the media, arts, academia, economy, and industry, and to create examples and models through which the world could be restored and indemnified.

God's Three Headaches

The strategy of Satan, who originated sin, is always to destroy the ideal of true family and to prevent true family from taking root and becoming substantialized. This led to God's three headaches during the past 50 years. The first headache was communism, which denies God's existence. The second is corruption and immorality. The third is the division and disunity among denominations and world religions.

Think about it. How many innocent people died because of communism? Over 100 million were killed as a result of communism, and millions more were enslaved, starved, abused and wounded, and spent their whole life in suffering. But in addition to deaths and

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DECEMBER

- 17 40 Single Blessing (WMC '95)
- 22 Un Jin Nim's 30th Birthday
- 35 Couples' Blessing (Belvedere, '76)
- 31 Shin Choon Nim's 8th Birthday

JANUARY

- 1 TRUE GOD'S DAY (1968)
- Hyo Jin Nim's 36th Birthday
- 2 Day of Victory of Love (1984)
- 7 Hyo Jin Nim & Nan Sook Nim's Blessing (1982)
- 9 Ye Jin Nim's 37th Birthday
- 10 Kook Jin Nim & Soon Ju Nim's Blessing (1989)
- 11 72 Couples of the 2nd Generation Blessing (1989)
- 12 1275 Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 17 Shin Yul Nim's 6th Birthday
- 22 Jun Sook Nim's 30th Birthday
- 24 Shin Gil Nim's 10th Birthday
- 28 Hoon Sook Nim's 35th Birthday
- 30 Yeon Jin Nim's 17th Birthday

FEBRUARY

- 2 Father's 78th Birthday
- Mother's 55th Birthday
- 3 Choongmo-Nim's (Father's mother) Ascension
- 8 1800 Couples' Blessing (1975)
- 11 16 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 12 Shin Jung Nim's 15th Birthday
- 16 Kwon Jin Nim's 23rd Birthday
- 20 In Jin Nim & Jin Sung Nim's Blessing (1984)
- Heung Jin Nim & Hoon Sook Nim's Blessing (1984)
- 21 74 Couples' Blessing (1977)
- 22 430 Couples' Blessing (1968)

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Realization of a Peaceful World by the Ideal of True Family

physical suffering, the crime of communism is even bigger: spreading false truth to deny God and make men and women unable to find their ultimate value.

Immorality, the second headache of God, is destroying families and countries and taking lives just as surely as an invading army. Moral corruption is one of the main causes of divorce, teenage pregnancies, crime, and drug addiction. The decline of morality is not limited to any single nation's borders but is becoming the world's common problem. The worldwide AIDS plague is a direct consequence of sexual promiscuity and moral decay. If AIDS continues to spread, tens of millions of people will die and humankind's existence will be threatened.

How about God's third headache – the division and disunity within Christianity and between the world religions? For God, religious people are the conscience of the world. Religious people should have traditions and values and practical power to overcome evil. But instead they are divided. They antagonize and fight with each other. They have become incompetent and have lost the

power to overcome evil and educate the world about the true way of life.

Importance of Man's Portion of Responsibility

These three fundamental headaches are the direct result of the failure 50 years ago of those chosen to receive God's message.

Distinguished world leaders! From God's point of view, all of that suffering was totally unnecessary. All the misery, death, and destruction were not inevitable. It could have been avoided. If in the late 1940s, the religious world centering on Christianity had followed God's revelation and become one with the true family ideal, then communism would have naturally declined. Also, through the influential leadership and example of each religion, the degeneration of youth, broken families, and AIDS would never have grown into a worldwide plague.

Confronting God's three headaches, particularly communism, made me unpopular and controversial. I was labeled a fascist and a religious charlatan. I was even jailed in the United States on trumped-up charges of tax evasion. Nevertheless, for 25 years I have been pouring out my soul, heart, and energy to make the United States understand its global providential responsibilities.

Through my work in the Western Hemisphere and around the world, I was able to help the United States overcome communism. Now communism has almost disappeared. But immorality and social decay are systematically attacking the family. Modern think-

ing holds that the traditional family is only one kind of family and that even homosexuals can form a family and have children through adoption or artificial insemination. This is being done without any thought of the dire consequences of undermining and destroying a fundamental biological, social,



and spiritual unit that has been vital to human survival for tens of thousands of years. It is ironic that scientists warn of the threat to endangered species of plants and animals, but do not study far more seriously the consequences of family destruction.

Today God is asking us these questions: Will it be necessary to lose one-third of humanity before it is saved? Will we destroy the earth's natural resources and environment before we learn to live in harmony with the creation as God originally intended? God will never give up! He will save this world, no matter what, and He will save it through the ideal and structure of the true family.

The question is, at what price, not only in terms of human lives, but financial and environmental. The social problems brought about by corruption and immorality are leaving a toll of economic collapse and environmental degradation. The leaders of the world need to reflect on these points. God's desire is to end human suffering and build a world of true, peaceful families. God needs for us to take care of our portion of responsibility. If humankind receives and acts decisively upon God's message, the achievement of God's Kingdom will be relatively swift and joyful. If not, God's and humanity's suffering will be prolonged, and the misery and needless deaths will continue.

Blessing of Marriage by True Love

Then how can God's headache be solved? How can families become fundamentally healthy? How can divided religions reconcile and cooperate under God? That answer is in the interna-

tional Marriage Blessing Ceremony. My wife and I began officiating blessing of marriage ceremonies starting with three couples in 1960. If I had said at that time that many millions of people will receive God's blessing, who would have believed it? But today, with God's help and going beyond nation, race, and reli-

establishing themselves as eternal couples under God's blessing. All these new families can receive support from already married couples who have renewed their vows before God and practice right ethics, and they can all become examples of moral citizens and build an ideal family, society, nation, and world – the fruit of true love.

The Marriage Blessing Ceremony eradicates the connection to false love and brings to life the holy content and value of marriage centered on absoluteness. This ceremony recovers true couples' love, true parents' love, and true children's love. Therefore, those who participate in the Marriage Blessing Ceremony value purity and trust as highly as they do their lives and promise unchanging couple's love. On the foundation of that true love, they can establish a true family, raise true children, and pledge to sacrifice themselves to build a true nation and peaceful world. In the world of the future, God, humankind, and creation are in harmony, living in a new culture of heart, a culture of love centered on true family. In the world of the future, true love means living for the sake of others in a world of interdependence, mutual prosperity, universally shared values, and cooperation. In the future, the natural desire of young people to live in a world of true brothers and sisters, one family of mankind, will be realized by centering on true love, true parents, and true family.

Esteemed world leaders, the Marriage Blessing is the most precious gift that God is giving to us. My wife and I devoutly hope that you will participate in this historic ceremony to receive God's blessing of marriage. From now on, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification will expand the true family movement. By the year 2001 we will carry out the 360 million couples blessing in three different events. Because of immorality and the loss of values, our young people are falling into moral decadence, and the family is being utterly destroyed.

Is there anything more important than saving humanity from plunging into ruin? My effort to globalize and universalize the True Family Movement and the Marriage Blessing Ceremony, which are the fundamental solutions to save humanity, needs the active support from respected leaders like you. Those who understand the fundamental problem and the solution God is offering should band together within their country and form a True Family Marriage Blessing support group and create a movement to save your nation. I ask that you put yourselves at the center of this great work to restore humankind to its original ideal. We have to quickly educate all men and women so they can establish true families and enter into the age of God-centered kingship on earth and heaven, centered on true love, and live in the victorious world of freedom, peace, and unity.

May God's love fill you and your family and your country. Thank you very much. ❖

tion, the blessing ceremony of 39.6 million couples, promising purity and fidelity, is being carried out right in front of you.

Respected leaders! I only want to stress once again that, through the Marriage Blessing, the world's families can stabilize and finally fulfill their original role. For true family to be restored, we have to establish true love character, we have to attend God, and we have to seriously pledge to become true couples and true parents. Those harmonious families that are restored to the ideal through the Marriage Blessing Ceremony can create a peaceful society, nations, and world. This Marriage Blessing that encompasses all nations, races, and religions and goes beyond all boundaries is itself the foundation for world peace. Is this not God's desire? That this miraculous number of families – almost 40 million! – can participate in this blessing of marriage is because of the active support of the world's religious leaders. It was also made possible because many national leaders agreed that this true family movement can cure the fundamental teenage problems and the breakdown of families, and they have actively supported it. I would like once again to thank all the volunteers.

The Marriage Blessing Ceremony can awaken people, especially young people, to the value of true love, and it can become the motive and catalyst for them to realize the necessity of absolute purity. All the world's good young men and women who are awakened through this movement should gather together to stand up for a true love revolution,



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On behalf of God and True Parents, I would like to offer my thanks and gratitude to all of you who contributed in any way toward Blessing '97 at RFK Stadium. I feel love and respect for our community of members which made it all possible.

The Blessing legacy bequeathed to us by God and True Parents is beyond all belief. While we worked tirelessly for many, many months, still to God and True Parents goes the honor and glory for the success we had. Let us examine some dimensions of God's and True Parents' victory.

I Six top religious leaders were on stage with True Parents. So all included was seven. In human history, how often have we seen so many different spiritual leaders uniting together? Who has had this idea for the world religious community, plus the means to put it into practice? Some in history have held ecumenical meetings for leaders of the same faith, but November 29 drew leaders of all faiths together in the name of True Parents, True Families, True Love, True Peace and True Harmony and Unification. There was no room for conflict.

Archbishop Ioan of the Orthodox Church of Mother Mary, on stage said, "...through true parents, true love and true families, we can start the twenty-first century, the New Millennium." Many ask: "What is the New Millennium? What is different about it?" Spiritual leaders and scholars themselves have wondered what it will be like. The physical universe is the same since the beginning of time; nature remains in its original perfected state; the planet Earth is the same; the spiritual Heaven is the same; all ancestors since the beginning of time have remained there. Then, what is the difference to come? The New Heaven and New Earth means that, centered on True Parents and True Love, families will become True Families, making True Societies, True Nations, a True World and Cosmos, eventually with all sin eliminated. Only love and joy will reign. God will have the Family of True Love for which He originally longed.

We are talking about a spiritual restoration within people, a resurrection of spirit, heart, mind and body. It was humankind that fell. The pollution of the physical world came about because of the pollution within the hearts of fallen people. We fell into imperfection; now we must rise to perfection. We need an internal change, by which we become pure and clean and new. Once people are renewed, we will have a New Earth and a New Heaven. Through drinking the blessing ceremonial nectar we are conditionally engrafted into True Parents, as explained so thoroughly in True Parents' speeches; our blood lineage is being changed from Satan's to God's. This means we are engrafted into God's heart. By the year 2000 we will see a change in the world. It has already begun.

How can all of this happen? Because True Parents are among us. The power of love is released, the power of truth and love are encompassing the globe.

On the stage at the Stadium, Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak read the words of True Parents, announcing the beginning of the Blessing of couples in the spirit world. Simultaneously, many in the spirit world, who have waited so long, were being blessed. How wonderful. Great spiritual power will soon be unleashed.

Knowing all these truths, we ourselves are well prepared to explain to people the meaning of the beginning of the New Millennium. The Fourth Adam, the Lord of the Second Advent, will usher in the New Millennium.

Minister Louis Farrakhan said, in his contributing speech on stage, "Through God, we can overcome all obstacles and become true parents, creating true children and true families, which will build a true society, true nation and true world."

Participants who may have been skeptical about the presence of Minister Farrakhan came away impressed with his sincerity and his obvious genuine interest in the plight of his people.

God and True Parents are bringing change to people. They are changing people's hearts. Barriers are being broken down and family love is being established. Those who may still be offended must understand the heart of God and how He is mending and healing the broken hearts of His children at last. That time is here. Our mission is to embrace all people as ONE FAMILY UNDER GOD, making ONE WORLD UNDER GOD.

2 The media, in general, gave good coverage to the Blessing and all other activities surrounding November 29. We can say the reporting was positive, with good articles and good photos. Most articles reported that 30,000 blessing couples were in attendance at RFK Stadium and that 70 million couples were involved worldwide. Television was generally fair in its reporting; CNN especially reported well worldwide. AP News Agency did well also. In fairness, we have to say that coverage by all forms of media was favorable. Times have changed.

True Parents Opened the

The press, in an interview with Minister Farrakhan asked, "Why do you stand with Reverend Moon?" Minister Farrakhan replied, "Because Reverend Moon teaches truth and practices truth!"

3 Anyone who follows God and True Parents receives heavenly protection. To this date, we have blessed worldwide over 70 million couples. We reached more than 20 times our goal. Is that not a victory for God's family? God's method of restoration is stage by stage. Remember, the 30,000 couple Blessing was formation stage; 360,000 was growth stage; 3.6 million couples was perfection stage. So 36 million is growth stage on the next level and True Father did that at the same time as 3.6 million, so now we are on the way to 360,000 million couples, to be culminated in May! How rapidly Heaven is moving now. Please keep up! Please deepen your faith! Please change your attitude if you do not understand the victory we are tasting!

We are on the way to glory! We must be fully prepared to present that faith and face to others. Do not concern yourselves with small petty annoyances or errors that might have occurred November 29. Do you think that other large events, even with all their big budgets, such as the Olympics, do not make many errors? It is natural to do so. We must not focus on those small things. We look at the victory.

On the evening before the Blessing, at our Washington, DC hotel, Mrs. Pak and I, along with Dr. Hendricks, officiated the pre-blessing ceremony for some of the participants from the academic seminars that were held that week. We were expecting just a small group, but in walked 300 people! We were surprised. This is victory.

We must also realize that most of the 70 million blessings around the world were accomplished during the last two to three months before November 29. This is the speed with which Heaven is working. So of course True Father is expecting 360 million couples by spring. Why not? Now our real work begins! No problem. We can do it.

4 Let's think a moment about God's control over the natural world. When Moses needed to

get the people to the other side of the Red Sea, what happened? The waters were parted! We can read many accounts in the Old and New Testaments of such phenomena. As we know, late November is unpredictable, sometimes with a lot of rain, snow and cold temperatures. Some people were very nervous when the Blessing was scheduled for that time, but True Parents knew best. It was not very cold; it did not rain; and we heard from the camera crew that the best videos are taken when it is overcast, not sunny. Sun presents a problem to good viewing. Those in other parts of the world who received the event via satellite were thrilled at the perfect, beautiful transmission they got. The rain came before and the rain came after, but not during the event! God was truly in control. He did well. He is with us all the way in such obvious ways. Is this not victory?

We all experienced the phenomenon of the burst of sun through the clouds only while True Father was offering his prayer. We must record this in historical records for future generations to see and know about. It should most certainly go into a movie when we record the Acts of the Completed Testament.

5 The Blessing in the spirit world was being held simultaneously with the RFK Stadium Blessing. Dae Mo Nim, at Chungpyung Training Center, sent a message for all those who attended the workshops that this Blessing went very well and that we could look forward to the impact on Earth of this spiritual transformation.

6 We had wonderful entertainment at the Stadium. Everyone enjoyed it. The fireworks and laser show display at the end were newly-designed ones that we had never seen before. Everyone stayed until the end. The helicopter circling above us the whole time was providing satellite transmission to the world.

7 All seminars, concerts, exhibits and sports events held throughout the week were well attended. All programs of the World Cultural and Sports Festival were given good coverage in the media.

We can now educate everyone. A video tape of the event has been prepared to show everyone, especially those who could not be present. To hear True Father's final prayer and benediction is how their Blessing is completed. For most of our newly-blessed couples we offered minimal education, if that. Now we can begin good education so that all of them can grow into good sons and daughters and families of God. We can educate the couples concerning the blessed family traditions, by which God can truly bless and protect them through their spiritual growth to perfection. The after-care must be carefully considered. Through happy new couples we will naturally reach the 360 Million Blessing in May.

Let us join True Parents from 6 AM to 7 AM daily and have *Hoon Dok Hui* (reading and teaching) True Father's words. True Parents themselves are doing this wherever they happen to be, on land, on water, or

THE WCSF LOGO

Symbolism of the WCSF Logo: The Sam-Tae-Guk pattern within the circular arrows signifies Heaven, Humankind and All Things of Creation. Thus it symbolizes a harmonious ideal of relationship within the Universe.

The circular arrows enclosing the Sam-Tae-Guk signify the relationship of God, Man and the Creation in true love, portending the emergence of a harmonious global culture.



The twelve radiating bands of color symbolize the expansion of the ideal of true love to embrace mankind in all our diversity of color and culture. The movement expressed within the bands symbolizes progress toward the realization of a one world family, the vision of the World Culture and Sports Festival. ❖

Gate of the New Millennium

in the air. We can go deeper into the heart of God by studying truth which True Father has spoken through the years. We will grow deeper in spirit as we read the difficult and grieving path of God and True Parents, forever reaching out to us, the rebellious children. We will become more repentant and determined to bring victory as we see how consistent Father has remained in his faith in God and his own mission, and how faithfully he is leading us to the new millennium and eternal life. As we do this reading and teaching each day, for our family and for our tribe, we will find ourselves becoming empowered. We can quickly fulfill by covering our nations with blessed couples.

One sister from California blessed 3,000 blessed couples! She is 64 years old. Her husband was killed by Japanese soldiers during World War II and she carried much bitterness in her heart. After becoming a member of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, her heart was healed and she felt it right to marry once again. Though she could have chosen her own mate if she desired, instead she requested that True Father choose her husband. Mysteriously, Heaven chose a man who was apparently Western, with a Western face. But after learning more about this man, an Australian, it was discovered that his father was Japanese! How perfectly Heaven works.



Rev. & Mrs. Pak at RFK in the early morning before the Blessing

We were so privileged to have True Parents in Washington, DC, for the Blessing. We have tasted victory. Now we can really get down to work for the next Blessing of 360 million couples. By giving good quality education and attention to our newly blessed couples, we will be giving them the opportunity to learn the precious value of their family, how to guard it, how to make it grow in love, and how to offer that family to the service and glory of God. They, in turn, will joyfully bless others. In that way, God can fill the Earth

very quickly with True Sons and Daughters, True Families. There is not a moment to lose. The new millennium ushers in the Era of Kingship. As we read in the booklet "Dawn of the New Millennium" (Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, January-February 1966): "The original family of Adam and Eve should have established God's true authority of king. Adam and Eve should have created the true quality of parenthood. Then they would have brought forth the true spirit of an elder son in their children. These spiritual powers crossing three generations would have been the basis for a society, nation and world of true love. Adam and Eve's central family lineage would have been the absolute standard of God's tradition, as were the Levites in Israel. Therefore, the original true family is the foundation for the true nation and world.

Due to the fall, the foundation of three generations was lost to Satan. It

was corrupted by the practice of false love. This led to false kings, false husbands and wives, and false brothers and sisters. The Messiah, coming as the new Adam (I Cor. 15:45), must restore the original true family. The original true family includes the positions of true elder son, true parent and true king. Once restored, these become the birthright of all humanity. By one true man's work, the position, right and authority of true elder son, true parent and true king is established for all humankind. This is the meaning of the terms Elder Sonship, Parentship and Kingship. This is why the Bible refers to the Messiah as the Lord of lords and King of kings."

Well, it is no longer "the dawn of the new millennium." We are now entering the new millennium. We are already walking down the entrance hall to the year 2000. Exceptional care must be taken now to keep ourselves pure and spiritually clear. Everything we do now must be for a heavenly purpose and careful records be kept of activities and results. We will keep records of every detail of our offering to God and True Parents. Clear records on Tribal Messiah activity and good records of all activities concerning the new blessings for the 360 million couples will be our eternal treasure.

Dear fellow Tribal Messiahs, we worked hard to bring this victory. I deeply appreciate all your efforts. We give all glory and honor to the trinity of God and our True Parents. May their love and protection be with each of us as we work to bring overwhelming results for the next Blessing—to be held in only six months! Heaven is moving at an extraordinarily fast pace now so we must move quickly to keep up. ❖

God Appears Through the Clouds

by Cherng J. Guh, M.D.—Taipei, Taiwan

As written in the Bible (Matt. 3:16-17), "And behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God.... And suddenly a voice from heaven, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'" The same vision reappeared in the "International Blessing Ceremony," during Father's benediction over the worldwide 39.6 million blessed couples in Washington, D.C. Nov. 29, 1997.

For those who were personally pre-

sent, that was really a wonderful experience. Among close to 60 thousand participants, my brother and sister-in-law, who live in D.C., first shared their surprise about the dramatic changes before and after the ceremony day. It was windy and rainy before the great "Day of True Love" and afterwards.

Saturday itself was cloudy, with a fair temperature of 54 degrees Fahrenheit, and an occasional breeze, including several minutes of drizzle which counted as a sprinkle of "heavenly holy water" around 4:30pm. The cloud really made its most dramatic change at the climax of the festival, 11:30am-12 noon, when Rev. and Mrs. Moon appeared to officiate the Blessing Ceremony.

That amazing change occurred at the moment of True Father's prayer for all the blessed congregation. Following Father's special Korean praying voice, louder and louder, I gradually sensed an upcoming bright wave approaching my closed eyes: Is my dream in heart (that the sun will appear through the cloud) really going to come true? I could not help but whisper to my sister Alice, "The sun is going to come out!" My watch told me 11:52am (in less than one minute); a bunch of silvery sunshine spread over the whole stadium, making all the brides' snowy



robes shine so brightly. Father continued praying, holding True Mother's hand, facing the sun and the blessed congregation. That warmth and light, shining on us, through the cloud, for about five minutes, just like the love and blessing freely and richly given from God to all of us. The guest from China sitting next to me also cheered about this unusual scene she never saw before.

True Father's prayer concluded at 12 noon. At the same moment of sit-

ting back to their seats, the congregation, including my parents, saw another vision with their very eyes that the cloud suddenly thinned off, leaving a gray layer, elaborately absorbing the stern light, allowing the people to be able to look directly at the round shadow of the sun, feeling its warmth without being harmed in our eyes. — Oh! Isn't it like "the sun of the spirit world?" I excitedly passed the words to my parents sitting next to my sister, "Such warmth is just like the spiritual current of the sun of the spirit world!"

At the next day's Sunday service, Rev. and Mrs. Kung and the elder members of the Queens Family Church of New York shared the same impression and inspiration. All sharings agreed that the "opening of the sky" foreshadowed the appearance of Heavenly Father through the cloud. And the moment God made His personal presence was also the time when He was smiling happily from heaven over the blessed crowd. I sincerely wish Heavenly Father's appearance would comfort our most beloved True Parents, bless all humankind, and shine the world with True Love forever. ❖

Thanks!

Dear American Family, My wife and I recently attended the 3.6 million couple blessing in Washington, and are writing to express our thanks for the tremendous effort made by brothers and sisters in organizing all the events. This was our first visit to the U.S.A. and we were most impressed by the American family. We hope to come to America again and trust that our stay will be longer the next time.

ITN,
John & Viveka Freeland,
Sweden, (118 Couples, 1978) ❖

FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE

A World Vision for the 21st Century

by William Selig—Washington, DC

The 4th World Peace Conference of the Federation for World Peace was a total success! As part of the 3rd World Culture and Sports Festival, we were able to enhance the value and importance of the festival through the participation of the esteemed guests.

Held at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. from November 27 to the 30th, the 4rd WPC was co-hosted by the Summit Council for World Peace and AULA (the Association for the Unity of Latin America). Under the theme, *A World Vision for the 21st Century*, the event was chaired by Dr. Aziz Sidky, Prime Minister of Egypt (1972-73). The keynote speakers were the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Heath, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (1970-74) and the Rt. Hon. Albert Reynolds, Prime Minister of Ireland (1992-94).

The international event brought together forty current and former heads of state, government and prime ministers, vice presidents and deputy prime ministers; and more than one hundred and sixty distinguished statesmen including ambassadors, senators, congressmen, cabinet ministers, university presidents and scholars from eighty-seven nations.

Opening Plenary

In the Presidential Ballroom of the Capital Hilton, Dr. Sidky eloquently introduced the Founder to the august gathering of 350 guests that included our conference participants, local dignitaries, embassy officials from the diplomatic community and members of the press. Dr. Sidky said,

"Since early youth in his native country of Korea, Rev. Moon has been a voice for justice and faith. He has championed true brotherhood man under the fatherhood of God. He has mediated conflicts and embraced those separated by different creeds. In so doing, he has created many organizations earnestly working toward the solution and elimination of conflict. His goal is nothing less than a totally unified and

harmonious world."

In the founder's address, Father gave a landmark speech on the unique times that we live in.

"Today I would like to share with you about the course that I have gone over the past 50 years in search of a common vision for humankind. After the devastating experience of World War II, all nations were searching for peace. God gave me the direction to

cautioned them not to follow the example of the developed countries that sought irresponsible self-centered satisfaction at the cost of the creation and environment. He said,

"Esteemed leaders! You need to know that God created all things for the sake of "True Love" and "True People." All creation is structured in pairs. Animals, plants, and minerals are arranged in subject-object relation-

but we went far beyond that to more than 36 million couples. Many couples from your countries will be participating. More than 30,000 couples will be at the stadium, and ceremonies worldwide will be connected via satellite and video. These couples are dedicating their marriages to God, promising to remain eternally faithful to their spouses and to raise their children with commitment, fidelity, and strong moral values. These couples are of different religious backgrounds, languages, races, and national origins, but what draws all of them together is a love of God and a belief that world peace begins with stable, healthy, and God-centered families.

I would like you all to observe this history-making ceremony but, more than that, I strongly encourage all of you gathered here to also participate and renew your own wedding vows before God."

The practical significance and depth of Father's message was complemented by Sir Albert Reynolds who spoke on "The Significance of the Family Unit Toward Making a Cohesive and Contented Society." Sir Albert challenged the conference participants to improve the world. He said,

"The current drift towards individualism, materialism and unrealistic expectations of science and progress to provide the fulfillment and social harmony need to be counteracted... While technology provides new possi-

bilities in communication through the information superhighways and the rapid dissemination of information, it does not provide key solutions to the central search for meaning, contentment and harmony."

"If the political will exists, the war will be won. All generations will be judged by the kind of world they leave behind."

Plenary Sessions

There were three plenary sessions. (1)

"The Restoration of the Environment in the 21st Century" and was chaired by H.E. Steingrimur Hermannsson, Prime Minister of Iceland (1983-87 and 1988-91), who is one of the world's foremost experts on the environmental issues.

Human activities have damaged the earth's environment throughout the 20th century in unprecedented and tragic ways. This coming century must be dedicated to cleaning up and restoring

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Rev. and Mrs. Moon greeting the Hon. Edward Heath (back to camera)

build a global movement and help establish God's Kingdom on the foundation of 2,000 years of Christianity. The central message of this revelation is to find the formula course for "True Parents" and "True Family," which means those who live for the sake of others. But the failure of Korean Christian leaders to receive this message brought great disappointment to God, and I had to go a suffering course of rejection and humiliation, which led to my being imprisoned many times even though I was innocent. This providential mistake by the established religions provided the spiritual foundation for evil to run rampant in Korea, beginning with the division of that nation, and for the other calamities that have plagued the world this past half-century."

Father addressed some of the problems of the developing countries and

ships, and the harmonious give-and-take between them forms the base for all existence, for all energy for productivity, and for love and goodness. Humans were also created with this duality

between the mind and body within the individual and between man and woman. God's ideal was for an individual's mind and body to be united, centered on His love, and then for perfected men and woman to unite in the family unit. In this way, Adam and Eve could become a true reflection of God's divine nature and become an object of God's love. Then they could bequeath to their descendants true love, true life, and true blood lineage emanating from God."

In an eloquent manner he expounded on the meaning of the blessing of the 39.6 million couples and invited the entire assembly to participate in the worldwide movement to restore the world. He said:

"I would like to personally invite you to a very special event at RFK Stadium on Saturday morning. Along with representative leaders of the world's religions, my wife and I will officiate the blessing of 39.6 million couples in 185 countries around the world. The goal for this ceremony was 3.6 million couples,



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ing the wholesomeness of the earth's resources while improving the quality of life for all humanity, by avoiding the environmental mistakes already made. Can our water, air, and land-based resources be restored and used to secure a legacy for future generations? The fears of overpopulation in the face of a perceived limitation of food production and resources dominate our concerns. What are the bases for optimism that this world can adequately address and resolve these concerns as the 21st century unfolds?

Speakers included: Dr. Terry R. Galloway, President of Intellergy Corp. and Dr. Hugh W. Ellsaesser, Meteorologist, Lawrence National Laboratory (1963-86).

(2) "Bridging the World Cultures through New Technologies" and was chaired by H.E. Michel Rocard, Prime Minister of France (1988-91). As the surge of global information technologies, including satellite links, the Internet, and long-distance learning; bridges communities throughout the world - from the Amazon jungles to the U.S. Library of Congress; from the heartlands of Russia and China to the data banks in Paris, Tokyo and New York - what impact does this have on culture? Will nations inevitably lose their distinctive identity? Or is a supra-culture emerging that embraces and preserves ethnic and national characteristics while fulfilling the needs of all? How will distance-learning and utilization of present technology connect developing nations and the developed world and how can we counter the aggressiveness of the merchants of vice from Hollywood, the entertainment industry, and advertising who are perverting world culture and traditions?

Speakers included Michael Medved, author, "Hollywood vs. America," and Dr. Charles Sheffield, author, "Earthwatch" and "Man on Earth."

(3) "Worldwide Economic Empowerment Through Broad-Based Capital Ownership" and was chaired by H.E. Amine Gemayel, President of Lebanon (1982-88). The 21st century will welcome an era of economic justice through a third option, transcending the limits of both socialism (the politics of "envy") and capitalism (politics of "greed") to creatively overcome global poverty. The fact that the majority of people are left out of participating in their local or international economies is due to the lack of productive credit. What solution will be applicable to specific conditions of workers and employees around the world in developed as well as in developing countries? What kind of economic security and participation can they envision in a world that is marching toward one global economy? How will central banks and international financial institutions regard the challenges of world poverty and development for billions of people in the next century?

Speakers included: Norman A. Bai-

ley, Ph.D., former special assistant to President Reagan for National Security Affairs, the White House, and Norman G. Kurland, Managing director, Equity Expansion International.

At the conclusion of the two-day conference, many motions and resolutions were passed. The participants unanimously adopted the *Fourth World Peace Conference Declaration*.

The Blessing

We are happy to report that 100 attendees at the Fourth World Peace Conference were pre-Blessed on Friday, November 28. Among them were

former heads of state, prime ministers, ambassadors and current congressional leaders from around the world. It was a joyful moment to see dear friends and champions who have dedicated their lives as public individuals at the national and international level to embrace the eternal quest for physical as well as spiritual peace in their communities and the world under the inspiration of our True Parents and the ideals of the Unification Movement. The ceremony was officiated by Antonio and Kyoko Betancourt.

All of this was to help in preparation to bring a victorious conference. By all

accounts the Conference was a total success. We brought top leaders from around the world. They surrounded True Parents and gave the Festival an important dimension of authenticity and people with credentials.

A Word of Gratitude

An event of this magnitude required enormous efforts and cooperation on the part of the entire movement. It is the result of countless hours of witnessing and prayers by brothers and sisters around the world. We thank you all and especially Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, and the countless people who

all supported this tremendous effort. With a sense of deep gratitude we offer this conference to Heavenly Father and our True Parents.

William Selig is the Administrative Director of the Federation for World Peace. ❖



FOURTH WORLD PEACE DECLARATION

WE incumbent and former Heads of State and Government, Prime Ministers, royalty, and other citizens taking part in the Fourth World Peace Conference, gathered in Washington, D.C., November 27 - 30, 1997, do hereby declare our commitment to World Peace, and call upon the world and its leaders in all fields to review and assess our traditional patterns of thinking in order to promote greater cooperation among individuals, groups, and nations, and the empowerment of the underprivileged, so as to ensure the creation of a new world of prosperity, freedom, justice, and peace for all humanity.

The participants of the Fourth World Peace Conference urge all leaders and responsible citizens to unite in a global effort to bring about peace and cooperation, to restore, protect, and preserve the natural resources of our planet, to transcend the barriers of religion, race, and nationality, and to promote human development in all its forms, including access to the instruments through which men and women can realize their highest potential.

The reality of a peaceful global village is within our reach. New thinking and restructuring based on deeper understandings and realizations on the ideal of the family is needed to match the present realities in our world as we enter the third millennium.

Accordingly, we summon the people of the world to maintain, support, and encourage a movement of true human solidarity to rebuild the family through word and example. We make a special appeal to religious leaders of the world to put aside their differences and spearhead this call, guided by the following principles and affirmations:

- That every human being, regardless of race, color, or religion, is a son or daughter of God endowed with limitless potential for creating and giving that can be developed through education of both the mind and heart. Because of this relationship with the Creator, we are members of one human family and, as such, should take

responsibility to improve and alleviate the misfortunes of humankind, including our home, the earth;

- That the purpose of a man and woman is to form a family, which is the school of love. In this original institution an individual learns love for their spouse, filial piety toward parents, respect for creation, and reverence for our Creator. In this manner, by application and extension, we learn to embrace humanity by loving our brothers and sisters and learn to exemplify God's parental heart by loving our children;

- That charged with the stewardship of Nature, humankind must come to terms with the proper care and distribution of our heritage, both in order to preserve intact what has been inherited by the present generation, and to improve and repair the legacy to be passed on to future generations.

- That the 21st Century needs to bring a balance of equality, not based on the redistribution of results, but on expanded human and capital development opportunities for wealth creation, to unleash the potential of untapped human and capital resources throughout the world, particularly in lesser developed nations and peoples, to solve the vast necessities of infrastructure development, clean energy, water, and air for all.

We call upon Governments, legislators, and leaders of the world to enact laws that will support a new education that focuses not only on academic and technical studies, but on the fundamental education of the heart. This education will nurture virtuous, public-minded individuals who learn to give themselves to the community, country, and world.

With clear vision and a continuous commitment of internal and external resources, this worthy purpose will surely be accomplished.

Washington, D.C.
November 27, 1997

WOMEN'S FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE INTERNATIONAL Third International WFWP Convention

by Nora Spurgin—NYC

Women's Federation for World Peace held its Third International Convention as part of the World Culture and Sports Festival on November 26-30 in the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. The convention was attended by 388 participants from 103 countries. 305 were from abroad and 83 from the U.S. Focused on the theme, *Women of the New Millennium: Loving and Serving the World*, the convention sought to draw women from different nations closer to each other in common concern for peace and the eradication of poverty.

The conference opened with welcome remarks by Nora Spurgin and the First Lady of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Cora Masters Berry. Introductions were made to WFWP officers and VIPs in the audience. A speech by Madam Sukarno was read and a short history of WFWP was presented by Mrs. Lan Young Moon Pak followed by a video on the Bridge of Peace.

The opening plenary session on November 27 featured:

Mrs. Maureen Reagan as Conference Chairwoman, Greetings by Mrs. Gil Ja Sa Eu, the Founder's Address, "Let Us Become the Living Embodiment of the True Family Ideal" by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the Keynote Speaker, Dr. Christina Hoff Sommers of American Enterprise Institute, "What Is Right and What is Wrong with the American Women's Movement?"

One hundred sixty national messiahs attended the plenary session in addition to 388 participants. Attendees of the conference included a first lady, secretary of state, senators, members of parliament, professors, lawyers, doctors, ambassadors and presidents of large women's groups. The group as a whole was attentive, attended the sessions, and was responsive to all the speakers. The audience received True Mother's address well; women remarked that the speeches were valuable and informative. True Mother stated:

"The coming time is the age of One World Under God. God is working for this kind of world and will always help those people who are working for the same goal. There is a problem. Many people want to lead the world but do not want to participate in God's providence. In order to make one peaceful world, my husband and I have poured

injustice to women. We need to strengthen the role of women in world's affairs. But to do this realistically and effectively, we need a women's movement that strengthens the family and cares about the well-being of children. We need a women's movement that promotes compassion and understanding between men and women. We need a women's movement grounded in spiritual and moral values. The Women's Federation for World Peace is such a movement. I applaud you for being a part of it, and a wish you great success."

The opening plenary session was followed by an overview of our worldwide work by Mrs. Motoko Sugiyama and world reports by representatives of several other nations and a video from Korea.

Bridge of Peace Sisterhood Ceremony

A special highlight of the conference was the Bridge of Peace Sisterhood Ceremony. Over 150 international sisterhood pairs were made. Some women chose to be matched with enemy nations—India and Pakistan, Egypt and Israel, etc.; others were

matched during sisterhood ceremonies, there is a deep sense of spiritual liberation. As part of the ceremony, our speaker, Ekaterini Economidou, a conflict resolution facilitator from Cyprus, gave a tearful testimony of her own experience of crossing a bridge with separated peoples of Cyprus. This speech was a perfect backdrop for women to chose partners from enemy countries.

Bridge of Love Ceremony

After the Bridge of Peace, we invited couples in the audience to participate in a Bridge of Love ceremony. Ms. Maureen Reagan and her husband led the group crossing the bridge to bow and embrace each other in the center. Fifteen couples crossed this bridge.

After the Bridge of love, we asked all women who had husbands to share in the reading of vows of recommitment to strengthen their own families. They read the vows that were at each plate after which we did a toast with "holy sparkling juice". The blessing prayer was said over the Thanksgiving meal and a representative sprinkling of holy water was sprinkled immediately after the prayer.

As far as we know, all the participants attended the blessing at the stadium as well. After the blessing, some from tropical countries were cold and took taxis back to the hotel, but most stayed for the entire day.

Breakout Sessions

The four breakout sessions had four presenters each, giving us a total of sixteen speeches on the following themes:

Section 1 - Education And Literacy

1. Mrs. Joanna Mari—Greece—Judge, Vice President and Councilor at the Council of the Greek State, Supreme Administrative Court. Topic: The Role of Women at the Approach of the Twenty-

first Century

2. Commissioner Aurora Navarrete-Recina—Philippines—Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights; Professor of Law at the Far Eastern University in the Philippines; President, Women Lawyer's Association. Topic: Human Rights in Relationship to Women's Issues

3. Mrs. Georgette de Camacho—



ourselves into various efforts. Let me give a few examples. We need to establish an ideal, worldwide academic institution, like a U.N. university. We must transcend the barriers of race, religion and language to complete the foundation of the future world. To exchange knowledge globally, we need a university system for distance learning. We also need to develop a unified medical science. We need not only to cure the diseases of the body caused by the fall, but also to end the conflict between Orient and Occident through harmonizing eastern and western culture. By unifying eastern and western medicine, we can cure formerly incurable diseases, such as AIDS."

The keynote speaker, Dr. Christina Hoff Sommers, was supportive of True Mother's speech. Participants commented that they appreciated both speeches and sought copies of them. Dr. Sommers concluded her speech with the following remarks:

"We all have a moral obligation to stand up against mistreatment and



matched with their national messiahs, and the remainder were paired randomly. Wearing their national dress made it a beautiful event. There were many tears of joy as women joined their sisters.

After this ceremony, there was a united spirit of joy and unity among the participants. As we always expe-





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Bolivia—Spouse of the permanent representative of Bolivia to the United Nations.; Professor of Japanese and English Literature, Author of Literary Publications; Founder and Director of Education and Arts Institute in La Paz. Topic: Micro-credits

4. Dr. Bahiya Al-Jishi—Bahrain—Director of Children's Department; General Organization for Youth and Sports, Gov't. of Bahrain Topic: An Education—The Right of Every Child

Section 2—Culture And Healthy Environment

1. Ms. Merlyn Hyacinth Brown—Jamaica—Consultant in the Office of the Prime Minister with special responsibility for the Citizen's Charter. Topic: Teaching Responsibility in Developing Countries

2. Hon. Gladys Gutierrez—Dominican Republic—Secretary of State, Dominican Republic; Director of Dominican Republic's Division for the Advancement of Women. Topic: Creating Homes and Societies Safe from Violence

3. Mrs. Aka Adjoua—Ivory Coast—Superior Technician in the field of Hydrological and Rural Equipment; Working with the Ministry of Housing and Environment. Topic: A Woman's Approach to Problems of Hunger Relief, Surplus, and Distribution

Section 3—Family As A Foundation For World Peace

1. Mrs. Yiyun Chen—China— Member of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Founder of a center that handles family issues. Topic: Family Issues in a Rapidly Changing China

2. Mrs. Elfriede Abt—Austria—Psychotherapist; Member of the International Parents United Network. Topic: Using Preventive Methods in Raising Children.

3. Dr. Muthgard Hinckelmann-Toewe—Germany— Founder, Practice-Oriented Feminist Science (PROF-S) UN NGO; Professor at the College of Fulda's School for Social Science. Topic: Structures which Enable Women to Increase their Peace-making Results.

4. Mrs. Laila Balga—Latvia— Director of Women's Rights Watch in Latvia; President of Social Democratic Women's Organization; Chairperson for the Council of Valka Municipality. Topic: Women's Management Skills

Section 4—Youth And Morality

1. Dr. Louisa Woonton—New Zealand—Consultant and Medical Practitioner in the field of health; Working in the area of strategic planning, organization, development and general health awareness. Topic: Women of the South Pacific- Unity and Diversity

2. Mrs. Bedy Budori—Mauritius—Senior Social Welfare Officer at the Ministry of Social Security and National Solidarity; Executive Director of Mauritius Family Planning Association; Assistant Commissioner, Ministry of Women's Rights, Child Development



and Welfare. Topic: Preventing Teenage Pregnancy, Drug/Alcohol addiction and Violence

3. Prof. Harumi Kimura—Japan—Translator, Essayist and Author; Member of the Council on National Language and the Ad Hoc Council on Education. Topic: Protecting Youth from Moral Corruption

4. Mrs. Kristina Seher—U.S.A.—Principal of a private School in Hayward, California; Serving on the board of directors of the Graduate School of Education Alumni Association in U.C. Berkeley; Co-Chairwoman of the WFWP of Northern California. Topic: Character Education

All participants attended the breakout sessions

with interest and sincerity. The question and answer sessions were lively, and according to the feedback, the participants felt that the content was excellent. Many commented about the high quality of both the presentations, the discussions afterward, and the quality of participants.

Two additional speakers, Datuk Paduka Dr. Saleha bte Hj Mohd Ali of Malaysia, who spoke on "Putting Heart Back Into Education", and Prof. Young Hee Suh from Korea, gave educational and informational speeches which were well received.

Betsy Jones and Christine Froelich conducted an inter-religious service at 7 a.m. on Sunday morning. It was well attended. The room with 100 seats was overflowing and more chairs needed to be brought in. Women of different faiths shared readings, prayers, poems, and music. All the participants were deeply moved.

In fact, when people kept coming to the office for tissues, we knew they had a moving experience.

Where Do We Go From Here?

A "Where Do We Go From Here?" forum featured four speakers who spoke about projects which would pair women from developing and developed nations. They spoke about micro-credit loans and sponsorship projects. This was a foundation for asking all countries to think of themselves as "givers" of something material, spiritual, or educational.

One presenter from China, director of a Beijing center for family issues, expressed that China wants to give, not only receive. She said, "We have many wealthy people in China; also, we have many students who speak English who might like to work as volunteers." A representative from Malaysia also said that they want to offer something to the rest of the world. There was a powerful response to this session.

Concluding Session

In concluding the "Where Do We Go From Here?" session, we presented the following 4-step strategy.

Individual level

Step 1. Keep in touch with your sister from the sisterhood ceremony.

National level

Step 2. Go back to your country and help develop WFWP there. Work with the Japanese volunteers who are already there to serve your nation.

International level

Step 3. Create a strategy for international communication and interaction. We want to find 50,000 women worldwide who are committed to eradicate poverty.

By January 1, 1998, send your strategy to international headquarters. What can your country give? What does your country need?

Step 4. On the basis of receiving this information, International headquarters will form a committee to match up needs and offerings.

Testimonies

A lady from India chose to cross the bridge with a lady from Pakistan. It was an especially significant event because this particular day was the anniversary of the separation of India and Pakistan.

One lady from the Philippines was struggling about the blessing especially True Father's role as Messiah. As a

Christian, she said she felt that Rev. Moon was either from God or from Satan; so she prayed for a sign. When the sun came out during True Father's prayer, she was convinced that this was her sign, and said, "Now I know he is from God."

The wife of the Ambassador from Niger was deeply moved by the convention and our work. Although she spoke only French, she made a good connection with our WFWP translator, seriously discussing her concern

for women in her own country. Since the convention, she has already contacted the president of Niger who wants to work with WFWP Niger. Also the translator (in America) is preparing a special fund-raising drive with women in America to help build a well in Niger and connect with the Japanese sisters in Niger for service projects. This testimony is an example of the spirit of sharing that the convention promoted. ❖



ADVERTISE IN THE UNIFICATION NEWS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE UNITY OF THE SCIENCES ICUS Comes of Age at ICUS XXI

by Gregory Breland—Lexington, Kentucky

The International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS XXI) marked 25 years of support from its Founder, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, by meeting in the capitol of the United States, Washington, D.C., on the theme: "Science for the Benefit of Humanity," as part of the Third World Culture and Sports Festival from November 24-29, 1997. Conference Chair, Tor Ragnar Gerholm, Professor of Physics, Stockholm University and member of the Nobel Prize Nominating Committee of the Nobel Foundation, helped assemble a vast array of notables for this ICUS on topics ranging from "Information Technology" to "Life, Death and Eternal Hope." The 159 participants from 40 countries were truly rewarded for their efforts in which over 100 papers were presented and discussed in a three day period. In fact the discussions were so intense that many a coffee break was missed, but no one seemed to mind.

ICUS and PWPA held several joint activities together such as the Opening Reception, Opening Plenary and three evening plenary sessions. Just being in the receiving line and shaking the hands of over 500 people from 121 countries was an exhilarating, if exhausting, experience.

The Joint Opening Plenary was set in the International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton and Towers and was adorned with flags from each of the 121 countries represented. Dr. Gerholm gave welcoming remarks noting that science was, at least in part, respon-



sible for making Washington, D.C. and America, in particular, the world's focal point for military and political power. He opined that with this power comes great responsibility. He was followed by the conference vice-chair, Norge Jerome, Professor Emeritus of Preventive Medicine and Associate Dean of Minority Affairs at the University of Kansas, who introduced the Founder. She observed that in having a woman introduce the founder for the first

time, ICUS had come of age at twenty-one! After noting some of the endeavors she had been involved in such as ICUS, PWPA and the University of Bridgeport, she said the best way to know and understand a man like Reverend Moon is to come to know the fruits of his labors. "I have learned that his morality and integrity have no bounds and are manifest in the executives who administer his organizations. If you really want to know the man, look at his fruits. They say more about him than I can."

Several of the participants commented that Reverend Moon's

Founder's Address was "great." In it Reverend Moon said that every parent wants their son or daughter to be better than them, that every parent wants their children to be children of filial piety, loyal citizens, and saints. And following the logic that God is the parent of humankind, God wants this for each of his children, too. Also, in clarifying who is the true owner of one's sexual organs, one's spouse, Reverend Moon gave the solution to the sexual misconduct that is plaguing many of the world's societies. If this simple idea were to take root, the confusion that surrounds male and female sexuality and appropriateness would end.

Following the Opening Plenary, ICUS went into another plenary session in which Alvin Weinberg spoke on the title of "Scientific Millenarianism." Dr. Weinberg

is a famous nuclear physicist, who has chaired the conference on three previous occasions, and been instrumental in crafting nuclear energy policy for the United States government. He was one of the core members of the Manhattan Project during World War II in which the atomic bomb was created. Dr. Weinberg addressed, as we are about to enter the third millennium, certain long-reaching catastrophes such as comet collision with the earth, global warming, and disposal of nuclear waste, along with possible solutions. True, these problems may not affect our generation or even those in the near future, but their magnitude demand our attention, even now. Focusing on the disposal of nuclear waste which will take 10,000 years to become inactive, he

Blessing in Honduras

by Mario Salinas—Honduras

After strong persecution from the media and the Catholic and Protestant churches we finally were able to celebrate the Blessing Ceremony in our four floors building in the Tegucigalpa the Capitol of Honduras with 200 people and 35,000 families all around the nation. It is important to consider that this celebration was held one day before the elections for President, congressmen, deputies and mayors. Making the attendance a little poor because the people needed to go their home places for voting.

All over these circumstances we have a a great sense of victory because we were able to transmit all the ceremony from the beginning to the end plus 15 minutes of introduction and 15 minutes of closing via national television. For us it was an opportunity to prove that the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and its founders Dr. Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife are really working on a very central

point of the decadency of our civilization by promoting high value standards of the family which nobody can deny.

Also something remarkable to mention is that the inaugural ceremony for *Tiempos del Mundo* in Honduras was held one month before the Blessing Ceremony on Oct. 30 after three months of development. The speech was given by Mr. Phillip Sanchez was well attended because he was Ambassador here from the United States in the 70's. The meeting was held with more than 200 people from the media, industries, tourism and businessmen.

Josef Schinwald, a UTS graduate who came to Honduras 3 years ago has established *Tiempos del Mundo* here. Even though he faced great difficulties and lots of opposition, he persevered and succeeded. Now *Tiempos del Mundo* has positioned itself as one of the major newspapers in Honduras and its journalists are regularly invited to important press conferences.

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observed we have four possible alternatives. Interestingly, beyond do nothing, more education, and a technical fix, he concluded that the possibility of religion playing an important role may be the final answer. He suggested that Hiroshima and Nagasaki ought to acquire "religious" significance similar to the Holocaust and the State of Israel in Judaism. He expressed hope that the tradition on Non-Use of Nuclear Weapons, will be incorporated into the world's religious doctrines, and thereby become a permanent human tradition.

Committees

As is the ICUS tradition we had six committees on various topics, and in addition helped sponsor a Festival-wide committee on Unification Thought. Committee 1 was chaired by Dr. Marcelo Alonso, Principal Research Scientist, Retired, Florida Institute of Technology and entitled, "Information Technology, Higher Education, and Research." Dr. Alonso was able to bring a wide international representation of experts in this field from America, Europe, South America, Africa and Asia. Through the presentations it became



force behind nature is quite compelling.

Committee 3 was a continuation from the last ICUS, it was chaired by Brett Cooke, Associate Professor of Russian, Texas A&M University and entitled, "Human Universals and the Biological Foundations of Art." One of the foremost scholars in the humanities served as honorary chair, Frederick Turner, Founder's Professor of Arts and Humanities, University of Texas

in Physics and Economics." Especially in Russia and other newly-emerging democracies, the old system of economics tends not to be very accurate in predicting future developments. By looking a new advances in particles, waves, astronomical structures, fluid dynamics, and plasma physics and applying these non-linear developments to the economy, more accurate predictions can be made.

Committee 5, "Wholeness Through the Pathways of Wisdom," was chaired by W. Andrew Achenbaum, Deputy Director, Institute of Gerontology, Professor of History, University of Michigan. His committee was balanced between representatives from the East and West as well as from the humanities and the medical field. One of the basic questions addressed was the effect one's faith has on healing and overcoming illness. By looking at various faith traditions it could be derived that this attribute is present in many religions, but often relies on the individual to activate it.

Committee 6 was chaired by Paul Badham, Head of the Theology and Religious Studies Department, University of Wales and was entitled, "Life, Death, and Eternal Hope." Carl Becker, Professor of Comparative Thought, Kyoto University served as honorary chair. This committee admittedly was dealing with areas not frequented by your usual scientist, that area of "life" that begins when one's physical life ends. Looking at near-death experiences, comparable memories of those who have gone to death's door and returned, and supposed communication between the living and dead made this committee one of the more interesting. Of course, if one believes in an after-life this has an affect on how one leads one's life in the here and now. Also addressed is how we care for those who are terminally ill and begs the philosophical question: If we believe it is better on the other side, why do we delay the elderly or infirm going to that better place, especially if they are in extreme pain?

As mentioned before there was a Festival-wide committee on Unification Thought entitled, "Constructing Theories for a Coming Age of Global Family." This committee was chaired by Ronald Burr, Professor of Philosophy, University of Southern Mississippi, and whose honorary chair was Sung-Bae

Jin, President, Unification Thought Institute, Seoul, Korea. Some of the topics addressed included: "Religion vs. Science," "Theories of Evolution and Creation," "Re-construction of the Concept of the Family," "Theoretical Heirs to Socialism and Capitalism," "Equalization of Technology," and "Harmony of Humans in Nature." Dr. Sang Hun Lee, who passed away last year, was instrumental in designing this committee and many felt his presence during the sessions.

As the sessions concluded many noted how intense the time together had been. On Friday, November 28 many participants took advantage of a complementary tour of Washington,



D.C. that included the Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Korean War, and Vietnam War Memorials. Following that was a stop at the White House, the World Culture and Sports Festival Exhibit at the Armory and the various museums on the mall.

We were asked to suggest three of our most prominent people for the VIP area at the RFK Stadium Blessing on Saturday. One prominent participant who was asked to sit in the VIP area hesitated at first, saying she had planned to go shopping. We pointed out to her that the Reverend and Mrs. Moon had prepared a magnificent Christmas present for her and everyone else at the stadium and we didn't want her to miss it. After thinking about it over night, she decided to go. Seeing her later that day she said it was a tremendous event and she was so happy she went.

If you would like to get a program from the conference, they can be obtained from the Secretariat's Office at 147 Goodrich Avenue, Lexington, KY 40503 or by email at icus@compuserve.com or by phone (T) 606/277-3743 (F) 606/278-4009. Programs are \$2 each and individual papers can be purchased for \$1 each.

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clear that higher education must adapt to the increasing age of its students, and that the traditional methods of teaching are becoming more and more out of date. Professionals are coming to see that they need life-long educational opportunities. This is where the field of information technology can be very helpful. Many examples of what is being done in various parts of the world to serve students from all over the world were discussed, such as the Open University in England, the largest such university in the world.

Committee 2 was chaired by Bulent Atalay, Professor of Physics, Mary Washington College and the University of Virginia and entitled, "Symmetry in its Various Aspects: Search for Order in the Universe." This committee's honorary chair was the noted scientist, Yuval Ne'eman, Distinguished Professor of Theoretical Physics, Tel Aviv University, Israel. The papers dealt with symmetry in mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, art, music, financial markets, and anthropology. Upon realizing the various types of symmetry in so many different fields, one is struck with the concept of a guiding

at Dallas. Looking at various examples of art and literature this committee attempted to analyze the effect of Darwinian evolution on these various art forms. Some of the questions addressed included: Does art benefit humanity? Is aesthetic appreciation an inborn trait that we all have, that is only slightly modified by the culture we grow-up in? This is a field that is only now beginning and ICUS was happy to provide a forum for this discussion to continue.

Committee 4 was chaired by noted Academician, Eugene Velikhov, former Vice-President, Russian Academy of Sciences and President, Kurchatov Institute in Moscow. This is one of the foremost research institutes in Russia today. The committee was entitled, "Treatment of Non-linear Systems

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Identity and Character Focus of the Seventh International Congress of PWPA

by Gordon L. Anderson—St Paul, MN

Identify and Character: The Influence of Family and Society on Personality Development" was the topic of the Seventh International Congress of Professors World Peace Academy held in Washington, DC, November 24-27, 1997. One hundred sixty participants from 100 countries attended the conference which was held at the Washington Hilton and Towers.

The conference theme developed out of the 5th International Congress which looked at technological development and the future of society. It was clear from that conference that new technologies can be used for good or for bad, for peace or for war, depending upon the type of person that uses them. Because individuals are formed in the family, the 6th International Congress, looked at the "Future of the Family," the cornerstone of society. At that congress, President Morton Kaplan asked where we could find the men and women of character needed by our societies in our modern individualistic and hedonistic culture. He referred to the Reverend Moon as an example of a man who knows who he is and lives his life based on that self-identity. It was decided that the 7th Congress would be organized directly on the topic of Identity.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Kaplan told a story about a street vendor in Japan who sold him a teapot. Kaplan was in a hurry, but the man insisted on cleaning it and packaging it very carefully. He knew his job, and he knew the optimal way to serve his client. Such a man has a sense of identity, and a predictable character will flow from it. Kaplan used the example to explain how all people, whether they are a simple vendor or a national leader, can attain a sense of identity and character that will be beneficial to others and society as a whole.

The conference looked at the topic from several angles. Panel 1 explored the philosophical foundations of character. Classical western civilization is rooted in Greek philosophy, notably that of Aristotle. Dr. Jude Dougherty, Dean of the School of Philosophy at Catholic University of America, explained the common body of belief that made up Western identity and underpinned the legal systems of West. Dr. John Simpson explained the challenge to Western tradition from Descartes onwards to the deconstructionist philosophy of Derrida which relativizes all notions universal truth and morality. He emphasized the importance of stories as communicating concepts of self and cultural values that serve as a basis for



relations between individuals and civilizations. Dr. Lloyd Eby continued on this theme with an attempt to disprove those who say that everything is relative and there is no basis for communication across languages and cultures. In the end, he said, communication may be difficult but it can take place and we can learn to understand one another.

The speakers on Panel 2 looked at the formation of selfhood from the standpoint of psychology and sociology. Tamara Ferguson spoke about the formation of conscience in young children

and how they internalize the standards and rules of their family and society. Then Tom Kando looked at the influence of family on the formation of selfhood and some of the dysfunction and pathology in families in "advanced" societies. He argued that it is only through primary socialization groups like the family that individuals learn to be responsible participants and contributors to society. Edward Wynne next discussed the role of the educational institution in character development and some of the challenges to accomplishing this task in contemporary society. Jeff Adams presented an overview of the influence of religion on personality development from the perspective of psychology and Margaret Poloma

spoke about the influence of Charismatic religion on personal identity and motivation. Stanley Rothman contributed a paper on the influence of the media on personality development.

Looking at the influence of the 1960s, William R. Garrett put forward the thesis that the 1960s generation was not the radical break with historical development in American history that traditionalists claim. Rather, the liberalization trends were part of a century-long adjustment to globalization that taking place, but had just been put on hold during World War II and the 1950s. He argued that

although the drug culture, increased pre-marital sex, and counter-cultural dropouts were casualties of the 1960's generation, the period led to articulation of greater personal responsibility and self-definition. Dean Hoge, in his discussion of the impact of the "Baby Boomers" on society, disagreed with Garrett, emphasizing that "me-firstism is too strong, and that baby boomers are not enough prepared to make the necessary sacrifices of personal self-express for the sake of community values. Jose Casanova examined the formation of selfhood and identity in the post communist countries, which lost their imposed cultural identity with the collapse of communism. The panel concluded with a discussion by Peter Beyer of our growing sense of global identity and the paradoxical impact of the value pluralism that comes with globality which makes all positions seem somewhat arbitrary.

At the end of the first day participants enjoyed William Kilpatrick's talk "Experiments in moral Education."

Identity and Character in Historical Figures was the topic of Panel 3. Experts discussed the formation of the character and

sense of identity in nine recent historical persons who have had great influence on their societies: Margaret Thatcher and Winston Churchill in England, Hideki Tojo in Japan, Nelson Mandela in South Africa, Jomo Kenyatta in Kenya, Charles DeGaulle in France, Alcide de Gasperi in Italy, Walter Judd in the American Congress, and Rabindranath Tagore in India. These people all provided great leadership to their societies when confronted with challenges or transitions. Their own sense of identity, justice, and right carried them forward, often in very adverse conditions, until they prevailed. What kind of upbringing and what type of experiences created such leaders? The panel presentations shed a wealth of insight into the formation of such people.

Panel 4 looked at Identity and Character in Literary Figures. The characters in great works of literature, and today on the movie screen, have a great impact on our sense of identity. As remote observers of these stories, we identify positively and negatively with the actions and decisions of literary figures—both heroes and villains. Unlike the figures on the historical panel, the characters in the literary works suffered a tragic fate. Cordelia in Shakespeare's King Lear remained truthful even though their world was falling apart. Okonkwo in Achebe's Things Fall Apart failed to adjust to the modern and colonial changes in Africa leading him to becoming an outcast. Captain Ahab in Moby Dick was a man of indomitable will who became a crippled and driven figure responsible for the death of his crew. The tragic fate awaits those whom we often recognize as "human," yet the true leader has sense of self and of loyalty to the community which allows for successful adaptation to new social and physical realities.

The final group of plenary presentations examined "Identity in a Pluralistic Age." The fifteen presenters in this section focused more on collective identities and policy. Whereas traditional identity for much of the world was shaped among one's kin in a small geographic area, today identity is created in global conditions with family members often separated by large distances. Other types of communities have arisen which influence our identity. Religion, gender, race, nationality, and ethnic identities compete among one another for loyalties and state policies. The

background for the discussion was set forth by Nicholas Kittrie, Gordon Anderson, Jan Knappert, Jack Susman and Daniel Robinson. They looked at issues of identity in the modern world, the relation of individual to collective identities, the problem of alienation and historical approaches. Then specific papers were presented on

Web hits increase at Unification Home Page due to Blessing 97

by Damian J. Anderson

The web hits on the Unification Home Page went from a daily average of about 5500 to over 30,000 on the day of Blessing 97! Let's hope that there will be a continued interest in the teachings of Rev Sun Myung Moon as a result of Blessing 97. ❖

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gender. Thirdly, were papers that looked at identity with respect to certain groups: Arabs, the New "Soviet Man," Black Africans and South Africans.

Following the 40 presentations of the first 2 1/2 of the conference, PWPA delegates from 100 countries broke into regional sessions to discuss issues of identity and character as relates to their own part of the globe. They had each prepared reports that were compiled in a conference book *Identity and Character: A Worldwide Survey*. They also came to the conference table with specific concerns, issues and ideas to discuss.

The Latin Americans are divided according to identities with Europe, Africa, and the Native Americans. The most common problems are:

Increased urbanization leading to decreased family loyalty. Problems of migration from Latin America to the United States. The erosion of civility and mutual respect. Globalization and its effect on the economy and the higher cost of law.

The Asians noted they have been developing their post-colonial identity since World War II. The region is a melting pot of migrating peoples in which leaders of national independence have always seemed to have an insatiable demand for power. Even today's democracies are autocracies in democratic skin which continue to ignore the will of the people.

The Europeans noted that identity was lost with the collapse of communism and many people and nations are attempting to return to the pre-com-



munist identity of their grandparents.

In the West, millions of migrants are affecting the identities of once homogeneous states. New Europe is becoming much more multicultural and this is creating tension with those who hang on to traditional identities, shouting slogans like "Germany for the Germans." Right-wing authoritarianism is on the rise following in the wake of left-wing collapse. Creating a new identity is harder than returning to xenophobic movements. The Europeans thought that the United



States could be instructive for them; otherwise the newcomers may become a type of global underclass. Those in the former Soviet Bloc expressed a strong interest in having PWPA hold a regional conference related to identity-individual, ethnic, and national—in the post-soviet world.

The Africans distilled identities operating simultaneously, those that identify with African traditions, those that have mixed traditional and foreign identities and those that have take on western identity. They asked PWPA to hold a major congress in Africa and would like to see financial support for activities.

The Middle East

group gave some hope that the turmoil and war of the last 40 years might be subsiding. Using Lebanon as a case in point, they found unifying factors in language and history. They noted that the authoritarianism in Iran may also be on the wane. Although the country is still run by the defenders of traditional Islam, there is a larger group of the population which works toward modernization.

Overall, the panelists and the international delegates expressed gratitude to attend this event which was marked by the high level of papers and discussion on a theme that all felt was relevant to present society and their own nation's issues. Credit is certainly due to Morton Kaplan for developing the vision for the conference and the William Garrett and Jude Dougherty, who helped secure the paper writers.

The conference will generate two or three books. It is expected that they will be in high demand for college courses.

Gordon L. Anderson is Secretary General of PWPA. ❖

by Yves Champollion—Mozambican

The country of Mozambique is out of a 15-year civil war, the mood is optimistic and positive (things can only improve), there is food, sunshine, songs everywhere. It's a fascinating place. (I met a Russian in the street of Maputo. Said he: Mozambicans earn 10 times less than us Russians, but they eat 10 times better - meaning, there are plenty of fruits for pennies).

The people here are really nice. One particular point is, they don't bother at all for the complicated things and thoughts of the richer "civilized" people. So, when speaking with them, you can go straight to the essential things, like why God created the world, what the Fall means, how the key to our problems is establishing a Family spirit around the world (and when he next meal is). In "complicated" countries, it's a lot more difficult to go deep into those questions. That's perhaps why Jesus said, the Kingdom is for children.

Visiting pastors, then, as well as politicians, people etc in preparation for the Blessing was a very good experience. I now understand Father better. Whenever Father sits next to Gorbachev, Heath or Bush, Father speaks plainly, straight, of "God made Adam and Eve, from absolute, unchanging

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love, but the Angel, etc". Father does not get into the complicated, cautious and "educated" talk of the civilized person: he gets to the point, regardless of who you are. (Father is the scourge of translators, protocol people etc). It is the world's responsibility to understand Christ, not the other way around. Mozambique, to the Completed Testament preacher, is a relief.

So, when meeting anybody, I do what father does: a DP crash course, wether in 5 or 55 minutes. What amazes most Mozambicans, I found, is that Father holds a world record for being jailed for his activities. A good 99% of Mozambicans pastors have been jailed for quite some time, and an estimate shows that about half of them have lost their lives during the marxist craze of 1978-1992. Even in older colonial time (before 1975) when the Portuguese were in charge, it was forbidden for Blacks to believe in anything but the Catholic truth, and many black pastors were jailed because they had created their own church. So, in their opinion, anybody jailed or slandered in the last 50 years has got to be good.

The hall for the Blessing was provided by a large church, whose pastor got inspired by the idea of the Blessing. That church (The Assembly of God

of Mz) is huge: it's a former Airplane maintenance hall, it takes a lot of people, really. We had the banner made by a professional workshop (those guys who used to work for the Marxist regime, making those May First banners etc. You just change the text). We had two popular christian singers come and sing. I don't know how they can play guitar and sing so well, since they did not study music: it's the African mystery of learning-by-imitation, plus their astounding gift for improvisation. We invited pastors and congregation from about 50 different churches, so, besides the Blessing, it was an inter-religious meeting as well.

Right in front, there were 33 representative couples in white wedding dresses, brought by our Korean elder. There was a super-loud opening prayer by all pastors joining hands, then the blessing of those 33 representative couples (chosen from over 10,000 pre-blessed couples), etc. My part was MCing through the event, and delivering the Blessing Speech in portuguese, with a translator into Shangana, the local language.

The rain had begun pouring 8 days before, on november 21st. 3 days later, all the streets of Maputo had become rivers and plazas, swimming pools for

kids. We thought, all the water from heaven has fallen, this can't go on for ages. But one should not underestimate Murphy's Law, especially in Mozambique. It kept raining and raining. Saturday morning, one pastor said that when it rains too much, people stay home, because they can't swim, and perhaps, if that Blessing means the Kingdom of God to Mozambique, well, perhaps, it's for the next time. We said: wait and see, we Unificationists have seen much worse, we'll all canoe or pirogue our way there and it'll be great. (The hall is next to the airport, and it's away from central Maputo, getting there is a real challenge). So the sceptical pastor could see, on saturday afternoon, people coming anyway, soaking wet (it rained cats and dogs all through the Blessing). I was afraid Rev Moon would be known henceforth as the "rain man" (but after all, for Africans just like American Indians, the rain man is a good sorcerer who knows how to get Heaven's Blessing).

The unity between all of us, the Korean Elder ("Adam") couple, the Japanese elder, 4 japanese sisters and myself was the key factor. We followed the ways of our Korean elder, and it turned out just fine. God's "mysterious ways" aren't so mysterious after all - they became mysterious after the disunity caused by Babel, and they're demystified when open hearts make for debabelization. ❖

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looked like, 50,000 boxed lunches of teriyaki chicken, rice, salad, cake and an apple. Clutching these goodies I was swept with the crowd into the stadium itself.

Inside were tables laden with fruit and danish for those who had not breakfasted along with stands serving coffee and hot chocolate. At last it was down a tunnel and onto the field—it was breathtaking. The stage area at the far end of the field was a huge, white proscenium decorated with the WCSF logo and world flags and proudly proclaiming the Blessing of 3.6 and 36 million couples. Flags were flying all around the stadium—with the USA and Washington DC city flags centered above the stage—and flowers and gold cloth adorned the stage.

There were three great banners hanging over the stage: "Blessing of 3,600,000 Couples by July 15, 1997," "Blessing of 36,000,000 Couples by Nov. 29, 1997" and, in the center, "Blessing '97 Celebrating 39.6 Million Couples Worldwide." On the left wing of the stage was written in 10-foot high gold lettering, "World Peace Through Ideal Families" complemented by "Family is the School of True Love" on the right.

On either side of the stage were two Jumbotrons which displayed close-ups of what was happening on the stage, which was just as well because, from where I was sitting, people on the stage appeared quite tiny.

On the field in front of the stage were arrayed thousands of the couples to be Blessed while behind them was a heated tent for the many VIPs from the WCSF conferences attending the event.

Preliminaries

As the stadium slowly filled, emcee Larry Moffit took the podium at 9:30 and welcomed everyone to the stadium, declaring that the 40-million mark had been passed days before and that, "Once the Blessing



Sul Jung Jeon of Korea; below, Gloria del Paraguay



process starts it's like a wave, it has a life of its own."

While we were waiting for the satellite hook-up which was scheduled to begin at 11, "Richard Harlee and the Soul Resurrection", a local singing-and-dancing group, took to the stage and got the spirit moving.

Larry Moffit then read excerpts from the letters of congratulations that had arrived from eminent people within the USA and around the world.

Several members of Congress, governors and mayors praised the purposes of the festival. Governor-elect James S. Gilmore III, Virginia Republican, declared yesterday "A Day of Peace Through Family Unity," and the mayor of Scranton, Pa., declared it "World Peace Through True Families Day." The governors of Illinois and New Jersey also sent their good wishes.

Larry told a few of the many wonderful experiences people had going out into the world to bring the Blessing—couples being reunited, reconciliations and heartistic transformations.

Raoul and Miuki sang "Your Heart Will Open the Way," a song originally written by Kevin Pickard for the stadium Blessing in Korea. They were warmly received and Larry gave their new album a gentle plug.



Neil Salonen took the podium and asked everyone to put on the Blessing shawl they were given as they entered. He invited the VIPs onto the stage. Representatives of the True Family entered and sat on the left, while six religious dignitaries entered with Reverend Kwak and sat on the right. These were Sri Swami Satchidinanda of India, a Hindu; Sul Jung Jeon of Korea, a Buddhist; the Rev. Francis Xavier D'Sa of India, a Jesuit priest; Archbishop Ioan of Russia, head of the Orthodox Church of Mother Mary; the High Bhai Kirpal Singh of Malaysia, a Sikh; and The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam.

Mr. Salonen invited 36 representative couples to ascend the stage and stand before the central dais at the foot of the long, red-carpeted stairs that Parents would later descend.

Everyone stood for the playing of the USA National Anthem followed by the invocation by Pastor T. L. Barrett of the Church of God in Christ, Chicago, who spoke of all people becoming True Parents.

Commencement

At eleven o'clock exactly, the worldwide broadcast by satellite began with a TV-news-like introduction. Reverend Kwak welcomed the world-wide participants and gave a brief history of the Blessings since 1960 and an overview of the Fall and Restoration.

Next, a song of true love was beautifully sang by Jaime Baer Peterson and Mr. Salonen introduced six representatives of the world's religions—Hindu, Buddhist, Islamic, Orthodox, Catholic and Sikh faiths—to offer their blessings to the couples.

Swami Satchidinanda, an elderly man with long gray hair in a simple brown robe, spoke a few words of blessing in English and then in a sing-chant in Hindi. Archbishop Ioan, in gold and black robes, gave a powerful and moving prayer of benediction followed by Sul Jung Jeon, in white and brown, who chanted in Korean as he tapped on a small wooden gong he was carrying.



Left, True Parents sprinkle the participants with holy water; above, Rev. Chun Hwan Kwak.

Louis Farrakhan, in his dignified dark suit and tie, gave a rousing mini-sermon: "Marriage is the cornerstone of the family, and family is the cornerstone of the nation." Mr. Farrakhan told the assembly. "If God is the cornerstone of your marriage, your marriage will never fail." At the end of his

oration he powerfully recited a Blessing in Arabic.

Representing world Sikhism, Kirpal Singh, an elderly man with long silver hair and a blue turban, recited passages from the Sikh scriptures and concluded with a soft chant of sanctification.

Rev. Xavier D'Sa, in a traditional Catholic surplice, spoke of the necessity of God in life and marriage and prayed that God would make the married couples "aware that you are the source and sustenance of your dedication."

Officiators

The attendants to the officiators filed down the long red stairs forming two lines down either side—the men in white on the left, the women in white and pink on the right.

True Parents appeared at the top of the stairs in their ceremonial robes and, to a standing ovation, slowly descend-



The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan; below, Raoul and Miuki



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ed the staircase followed by two girl attendants.

When they reached the dais at the foot of the stairs, Reverend Kwak prayed in Korean, while Mr. Salonen translated. He concluded, "These 39.6 million couples want to participate in God-centered families."

The girl attendants then brought forward holy water in silver bowls and True Parents sprinkled it on the representative couples standing in front of them.

Throughout the stadium, church elders in their white holy robes also moved throughout the multitude—about 40,000 strong at this point—and also sprinkled holy water on everyone.

The attendants brought white leather-bound folders stamped in gold to True Parents from which they read the wedding vows in Korean—a translation of them appearing in English on the Jumbotrons. At the end of each vow, Mr. Salonen asked everyone to respond, and the assembled roared back, "I Do!"

Mr. Salonen then solemnly said, "True Parents will now invoke the Holy Blessing."

To appreciate what happened next one has to understand that while the day was unseasonably mild, the sky had been solidly overcast all day. To the delight of those who appreciate such signs and portents, just as Parents raised their hands to proclaim the victory, the clouds broke and the whole stadium brightened up as Father's powerful Korean reverberated throughout the huge stadium. When they lowered their hands at the end of the invocation, the break in



Photos, HSA Korea courtesy Julian Gray



Left, True Parents receiving a trophy of the RFK victory; above, emcee, Neil Salonen

hot chocolate provided at the concession stands. It was a picnic atmosphere and time to socialize. Lots of re-unions and thrilled exclamations of congratulations for newly weds and parents. Brides and grooms acted like newly marrieds anywhere, posing endlessly for photographs with new spouses and friends.

the clouds closed and the sun disappeared. Breathtaking!

Next was the exchange of rings. Mr. Salonen encouraged those who were rededicating their marriage to remove and re-exchange their rings.

Three couples stepped forward to receive their rings from True Parents and the couples exchanged their rings. While those running the Jumbotron images for much of the program proved themselves somewhat inept, they did manage to capture the intimacy of the ring exchange in a remarkably poignant way.

Father made his historic pronouncement in Korean with a translation on the Jumbotron:

"On this day of November 29, 1997, at RFK Stadium in Washington DC we are Blessing 3.6 million couples and 36 million couples together— 39.6 million couples are being Blessed in front of you."

He had been very serious up to this point, but now he stood there and just beamed a great smile.

After Father and Mother had sat down, Mr. Salonen spoke of the over 70 letters of congratu-

lations received from the United Nations and Congress.

After Gloria del Paraguay, resplendent in turquoise and glitter, had sang a dramatic opera aria with great expression and dramatic gestures, a rather overwhelming trophy and a bouquet of flowers were presented to True Parents.

Explaining the oriental tradition of bowing to parents and the "forever" cheer of mansei, Mr. Salonen asked everyone to rise and bow, which they did, and then join in three man sae is. 40,000 voices make for a magnificent "Mansei" that, I'm sure, was heard across town in the Capitol.

This was the end of the Blessing ceremony, and to the sound of a fanfare, True Parents climbed back up the red staircase followed by the attendants.

Celebration

For the next hour or so we munched on our boxed lunches and enjoyed the soup and



Archbishop Ioan; below, Rev. Francis Xavier D'Sa

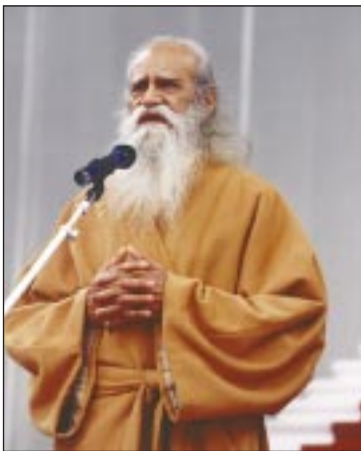
While we picnicked, True Parents lunched with the VIPs in the tent set up on the field.

The first thing we did after lunch was the "wave," something Larry thought originated in European soccer matches. It started with the people sitting next to the stage as Larry got them to throw themselves in the air and yell. Those sitting next to them do the same, and so on around the arena. Once started, it really was like a wave rolling over, you almost felt compelled to leap and shout and it passed

over. Clearly everyone was enjoying it as much as I was because the wave took on a life of its own and just kept going round and round and Larry had to make a concerted effort to get it to stop.

The rest of the afternoon was devoted to entertainment and celebration.

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Sri Swami Satchidinanda; below Cho Yong Pil.



High Bhai Kirpal Singh



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First off was a troupe of dancers and drummers from West Africa—a swirl of silver and black to a tribal beat.

A congratulatory address was given by Oscar Arias Sanchez, former president of Costa Rica and Nobel Laureate, who was scheduled to speak in the morning but had been unable to attend. He spoke movingly about the suffering in the world and the necessity of taking responsibility to reduce it.

A martial arts dance troupe was up next, young men and women—one boy looked about 9—doing all sorts of vigorous calisthenics and dance movements to a pounding, hip-hop beat.

A couple who had just been Blessed did a beautiful dance to the music of "Bells on a Hill."

The aged and venerable Kenneth Kaunda, former president of Nigeria, spoke to the couples about how a loving and caring heart was the real foundation for genuine social change.

After David King had sang three songs, the main act of the afternoon got going as the stage curtains were opened onto a rock-and-roll band set-up of drums and musicians and the star, Jon Secada. Naturally, being an icon of the Latin music set, he got a animated welcome from the Hispanic contingent in the audience.

Up to this point, the rows of Blessed couples on the field had been decidedly non-animated by the entertainment—the rows of male heads and bridal veils



remained straight and unwavering. But Secada soon put an end to that—by his fourth song the brides and bridegrooms were decidedly animated and dancing and boogying all over the field.

Next up was classic rock, the Korean superstar, Cho Yong Pil, who was also impressive. His band was classic rock and roll, but louder and with more fuzz. He's a good singer and had everyone with him—especially his excellent rendition of "Unchained Melody."

This was followed by couple of numbers by Vicki Winans, a member of the famous gospel singing family. Dionne Warwick acted as emcee for this part, but she didn't sing.

All of sudden the fireworks started

going off, a little before dark with appropriate music from Sousa, etc. It was a fabulous show, including lasers, with some aerial effects that were truly astonishing. "Best I ever saw," said Dr. Hendricks later.

After the fireworks, Larry came out and announced that Whitney Houston's people had called and said she was sick and would not perform. "We hope she gets well" he said with no hint of sarcasm.

Mike Smith, national communications director for the program, told The

Washington Times that he learned that Miss Houston, 34, wouldn't perform just two hours before she was due to make her 3:30 p.m. appearance at RFK Stadium.

When asked what her absence meant, Mr. Smith said, "In a word: refund." Miss Houston angered talk-show hostess Rosie O'Donnell on Oct. 30 when she gave just 45 minutes' notice that she was too ill to appear on Miss O'Donnell's program. Later that day, however, Miss Houston accompanied her husband, Bobby Brown, to tape "The Late Show With David Letterman."

But few seemed disappointed by the no-show—one lady interviewed by The Washington Post was asked if she was disappointed and all she had to say was, "Whitney who??"

So a fabulous day ended, back to the reality of getting out of the parking lot and dealing with traffic. But the memory of the magic we had experienced made the mundane somewhat special.

It was a wonderful day for Heaven and Earth, a great victory for God's providence. Everyone I spoke to felt it, the sense of being at a turning point in history. ❖



Steve Hassan's massive demonstration outside RFK

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to raise them up to be the reporters of truth that God needs, no matter how tortuous that journey may be.

Eventually, those biased media will experience a cognitive dissonance, whereby the attitude and standard of the Unificationists they meet will be out of synch with the accusations of our accusers. The truth will become apparent.

Today's prevailing style of journalism is all to often adversarial and sensationalistic. In a country desensitized to murder and mayhem, tabloid style reporting sells. Tabloid-style reporting often misses essential parts of the truth in a rush to be the first to appear in print. Almost any allegation can be made without regard to consequences. This style has been slowly but definitely creeping into more mainstream journalism and is a reflection of the times we live in. (Witness on TV alone, the proliferation of the talk shows, the magazines shows like Dateline and 20/20 and the celebrity shows like Hard Copy and Extra.)

Often reporters will speak about the facts of the blessing or the Festival and feel compelled to give the "negative" side as well. They believe this is in the interest of balance and fairness to both sides. By giving these two sides of the story, journalists feels they are fairly representing the broad range of opin-

ion and views on the subject.

However, today's reporters sometimes take this too far. A good example of this is the amount of coverage received by a handful of protesters outside RFK stadium on the day of the Blessing. One television station devoted half of its story to statements from this small group. Clearly this group only warranted a brief mention at best. This is an example of lopsided editorial decision making on the part of one editor.

It is often the amount of play that one side gets that determines the slant of the story. An example of this would be the three part series that ran in *The Washington Post* right before the blessing. While there were many factual inaccuracies, the reporter gave huge play to church detractors, apostate church members and disgruntled employees and only minor copy was given to happy, content church members.

What really exposed *The Washington Post's* agenda, apart from being the first major paper to use the epithet "Moonie" in an article about the Festival, was the fact that they published photos, with exact street numbers, of several of our members' Washington, DC area homes, including Father's. Also included were the homes of Mr. Joo and Dr. Bo Hi Pak. What could be the reason to publish these photos in such a way, other than to instigate trouble.

When confronted with this egregious

assault in a face-to-face meeting between a Post managing editor and Rev. Philip Schanker and myself, the editor said it was an error on the part of a photo caption writer.

It was hard to believe since even in photos of robberies and murder scenes, the street address is written like "the 1100 block of (blank) Ave."

When asked for a written apology for putting people's lives and property at risk, the *Post* editor gave an abrupt "no".

These kind of stories—I call them hit pieces—are often produced by people who have an incredible command of the language, so that the average reader doesn't pick up the nuances right away. If you pay close attention to the adjectives chosen by the writer and the way things are juxtaposed, then you begin to discern a coloring or shading that is often subtle, but very effective in communicating a certain view.

The entire world of media is very spiritual—words, ideas, sound bites, voice intonations, editing, omitting—and of course impossible to control. Once a person submits to an interview, all outcome is in the hands of the journalist and their editor. Don't be too quick to criticize a reporter. Many a good story has been hacked to pieces by editors who ultimately have the final say on an article.

However, things are changing for the better. I noticed that the Japanese media who covered the Blessing asked pre-

deduced questions. By and large, the media in America has stopped using inflammatory words in describing our community.

Of course, Father himself is the most sought after subject for the media. From NBC to CNN, everyone requested to interview Father. It will take a special reporter, one who clearly understands our theology and Father's huge accomplishments, to accurately interview Father.

But let's take a moment here to step back and get some perspective. I thank God for the free press in this country. Amidst all its shortcomings, it is ultimately in place to serve God's purposes by allowing people access to the truth. This is no small thing and historically it is only a recent freedom. While it's not perfect, it allows us some measure of recourse if we feel wronged and ultimately allows anyone the opportunity to start their own media outlet.

If we have good stories to tell—hometown service projects, awards we or our children might have won, or whatever—we should contact the media and take our place as part of the wonderful tapestry of people's accomplishments which make up this great nation. ❖

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The Performing Arts at WCSFIII

by David Eaton—NYC

The World Culture and Sports Festival in Washington, D.C. was undoubtedly one of the most significant events that our movement in America has produced. As director of the cultural programs of WCSF III I was presented with the challenge of fashioning a series of events that would reflect the spirit of True Parent's vision and values.

The following is a synopsis of the week's events.

New York City Symphony and Un Mundo at The Washington Times' Arbor Ballroom.

This concert was created in order to highlight the work of the Washington Times in South America and its sister publication in Washington, Tiempos del Mundo. The concert featured two outstanding musicians from Venezuela, flutist Marco Granados and harpist Annette Leon in a performance of Mozart's Concerto for Flute, Harp and Orchestra with members of the New York City Symphony, David Eaton conducting. Both soloists are of notable stature in their country (Miss Leon is the principal harpist with the Simon Bolivar Symphony Orchestra in Caracas) and they performed with great panache and virtuosity as the caliber of their musicianship was extremely high.

The second half of the program feature Mr. Granados and his quartet Un Mundo in a program of Latin Jazz and Folk music. The quartet was of exceptional quality and they received a long standing ovation.

There were several dignitaries from South American Embassies in attendance and a reception followed the concert. Caroline Betancourt of the Washington Times and Matthew Goldberg of Tiempos del Mundo were co-producers of this event.

Spyro Gyra at the Omni Shoreham Ballroom.

Spyro Gyra is one of the pioneering groups of what is now known as "cool jazz." Their performance was of extremely high caliber as well. We expected that, given their reputation as one of America's leading instrumental ensembles. The production aspects (handled by Kashmere Productions, Ltd. and New World Productions) were first rate and the reception of the audience was totally enthusiastic.

The MC for this event was radio personality Lee Hamilton of FM 105.9, the "cool jazz" station in DC.

Aaron Rosand at the Corcoran Gallery's Frances & Armand Hammer Auditorium

Aaron Rosand is on the last



David Eaton and the New York City Symphony at Union Station

great exponents of the "Romantic" style of violin playing in the manner of Heifetz, Milstein, Oistrakh and Menuhin. His performance was completely masterful and he is a very giving performer. He is a long time friend of our movement (he visited Father in Danbury)

and was very happy to be part of the festival.

International Music Concert at Union Station's East Hall.

The East Hall at Union Station is a great venue to hold an event. The majesty of the hall lent itself perfectly to our concert. The quality of the three ensembles; Alhambra (Middle Eastern Music) Music From China (Traditional Chinese instrumental music) and Hassan Hakmoun (music from Africa) was very high and the audi-



Above left and right, students at the Kirov Academy performing at U. of Maryland's Tawee Hall. Below left, Aaron Rosand at the Corcoran Gallery. Below right, Blessed couple Ken & Donna Romo at RFK



This is the letter of introduction written for the WCSFIII arts program.

In my thirty years as a professional musician I've had numerous occasions to perform for audiences throughout the world. Wherever my concert experiences have taken me, I have always been fascinated by how much people from diverse cultural backgrounds have in common. The universality of the human spirit is indeed a palpable reality, thus the artistic expressions of any given culture can provide unique insights to the heart and soul of humankind.

When asked by the World Cultural and Sports Festival to construct a series of events that would reflect world culture, I felt that expressing the universality of the human spirit through the arts would be a most felicitous way to pay tribute to the ideals of love and family; central themes of the Festival and elemental values cherished by people of all ethnic backgrounds.

I have always believed that artists could, and in fact should play significant role in creating conditions conducive to world peace and harmony. Obviously, the notion that art has persuasive affections is not new. Confucius, Plato, Aristotle, Boethius and St. Augustine shared the belief that art possessed the power to impact the moral and ethical standards of society. Twentieth century German composer Paul Hindemith believed that once an artist believed that particular assertion, one should then use that power "with the severest sense of moral responsibility."

As we move toward the beginning of the new millennium, the arts will continue to have a profound influence on the attitudes and values of contemporary culture. It is my hope that by discovering commonality among various cultures through the efforts of the talented artists participating in this festival, a spirit of altruism can emerge and thereby stimulate our global consciousness to aspire for a world culture that embodies the noble and godly attributes of truth, beauty and goodness.

David Eaton

ence was very enthusiastic. This concert highlighted the multicultural aspect of the overall Festival.

Kirov Academy of Ballet at Tawes Hall, University of Maryland.

The Kirov Academy presented a completely first rate performance featuring two solo dancers of the Kirov Ballet in Russia, Yvgeni Ivanchenko and Irina Amosova. The students of the Kirov academy were totally charming. There was a very fine turnout as well with nearly 1000 people in attendance. Michael Beard, Executive Director of the Kirov Academy and his staff did a great deal to generate an audience and their efforts paid off.

Shin Sekai Chamber Ensemble at the Corcoran Gallery

This ensemble is comprised of soprano Yoshimi Kadota, Violinist Makiko Tachugi, guitarist Isamu Nakashio and pianist Rikako Asanuma. Their performances were of a very high level and their heartistic commitment to this event was evident. Have

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Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II died Nov. 15 at Georgetown University Hospital after a stroke and a heart attack. He was 88. Amb. MacArthur was a long time friend of the movement and had supported True Parents on numerous occasions, particularly with the Summit Council for World Peace and the World Media Association.

This is the eulogy for Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II given by Dr. Bo Hi Pak, Chairman of the Board, The Washington Times, November 20, 1997 at the Christ Church Georgetown, Washington, D.C.

My dear Laura MacArthur, esteemed guests, ladies and gentlemen. We gather together this morning to remember and to give tribute to the life and accomplishments of one of America's most respected diplomats and public servants, a great champion of freedom and democracy. He was a righteous man, one who used his abundant God-given abilities for the sake of others, and to accomplish God's will as best he understood it.

We gather to say farewell to this great gentleman and friend to us all—and to send him onward, to be with his beloved wife, Laura—whom he never referred to by any other name than "Wahwee," her nickname from childhood.

Patriotism and principle was the determining force and guiding light of his entire existence. It originated in the long-standing tradition of his family and from his early youth; it inspired all his actions and determined all his decisions. Whether he was a diplomat, a peace-negotiator, a prisoner of war or a distinguished member of society, his love of country was foremost in his mind.

There was an innate nobility in his demeanor and will to action. There was no act of his that did not have the imprint of his character. Whether he was sitting in the high Councils of State or in the intimacy of his home, that nobility transcended his action and gave a characteristic tone to his whole career.

We who loved him know he never

IN MEMORIAM

Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II



forgot his heritage. "If you were a MacArthur," he once remarked, "from the time you were in your cradle, the responsibilities of duty, honor and country came with your mother's milk." He took great pride in the accomplishments of his celebrated "Uncle Doug"—as he always referred to him—and to the place in history occupied by the famous general who the Korean people think of as the savior of our freedom and our lives. I can testify that I am alive today only because of a timely rescue by one of General MacArthur's armored divisions.

During the spring offensive of a massive Chinese Army during the Korean War in 1951, I was a company commander who was left behind the enemy line for 7 days. I was saved by the U.S. 3rd Division. I literally kissed the American tanks and shouted, "Thanks General MacArthur."

Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II lived and served his country through the most tumultuous and yet promising time of human history, from the rise of Nazi Germany through the post-Cold War era. The namesake of his uncle and great war hero, Amb. MacArthur II will especially be remembered, both here and in Asia, as the man who raised postwar Japan to an equal footing with the United States after 15 years of subordination following its defeat in World War II. The U.S.-Japan mutual security treaty, signed in 1960 while he was U.S. ambassador to Tokyo, remains today the bedrock of American policy not only toward Japan, but toward all Asia. Time magazine then called Amb. MacArthur "the principal architect of present-

Rev. & Mrs. Moon welcoming Amb. MacArthur to the 5th World Media Conference, Seoul, 1982; his first contact with our community.

day U.S. policy toward Japan." Without his painstaking efforts and patient diplomacy, the very foundation for Japan's postwar economic miracle—and in turn Asia's economic miracle—would not have been laid. For this we all owe Amb. MacArthur an enormous debt of gratitude.

Ambassador MacArthur played an instrumental role in the Summit Council for World Peace of which I serve as president emeritus. He was a key player in the formulation of the Summit Council's International Commission for the Reunification of Korea. The work of the Commission included several historical trips to North Korea and meetings with former president Kim Il Sung and the current leader, Kim Jong Il. It allowed the Summit Council to work behind the scenes and help unlock the nuclear stalemate that existed between this country and North Korea.

I, as a chairman of the Washington Times, personally owe a debt of gratitude to Amb. MacArthur for his immense contribution as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Washington Times at the inception of the paper and the World Media Association. I worked with him for 10 years as found-

ing president.

It is quite natural for those of us left behind, to lament the loss of a departed loved one. But in the case of Amb. MacArthur, the sadness is eased by a large measure of gratitude, and even joy. That's right, joy—for death is a tragedy only if one's life has been mispent in selfishness or if one has died so young as to be unable to fulfill life's promise.

Neither of those cases apply to Amb. Douglas MacArthur II, as he passes on to be greeted amid cheers and welcoming embraces by Wahwee, his Uncle Doug and so many others who were companions in his enviable life—rich with adventure, interwoven in intimate detail with the history of the world of the twentieth century.

Ambassador MacArthur has begun his everlasting life in the righteousness of the almighty with abundant peace, tranquillity and joy.

The greatest praise one can pay him is to say that in the highest sense, he was a true American, a great patriot, and my personal hero. The name MacArthur is inscribed twice in world history—one by an Uncle Doug, and now by a Nephew Doug, the Second. ❖



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ing worked with them on many other occasions I was especially proud of their efforts in this concert.

Flutist Marco Granados made a guest appearance in a performance of Astor Piazzolla's "History of the Tango" for Flute and Guitar, a piece that has become very popular in the classical music repertory. He and Isamu Nakashio performed this piece with a refined sense of sensitivity.

New York City Symphony at Union Station

This concert was free in the main hall of Union Station. The program was comprised of light classical and seasonal music and featured singers Raoul Joseph, Miyuki Harley and Yoshimi Kadota with the orchestra. As soon as the orchestra began playing hundreds of people gathered around to listen. Singers Raoul, Miyuki and Yoshimi conveyed a kind of heart that is very attractive and they were warmly received by

the large audience.

Vickie Winans and Mavis Staples at the Lincoln Theater.

These two signers represent the new and old guard in the realm of Gospel Music. Though Vickie was working with us for the first time she was very gracious and totally professional. She sang to tracks and the audience really loved her performance. Mavis is a friend of our movement having performed at WFWP conferences and for Parents on one of our church Holy Day performances at the Manhattan Center. Performing with a band, Mavis had people dancing in the aisles by the end of her show.

The MC was Allison Wilson, a radio personality in the DC area and she did a fabulous job and really got the crowd into the spirit of the evening. The turnout for the concert was quite good; 900 people with the Mayor's office requesting 200 tickets as well.

"Images of Eden" Art Exhibit

The "Images of Eden" Art Exhibit

was a highlight of the Festival. It was the largest visiting art show in Washington this year featuring 200 works of art by 60 artists representing 20 countries. The works ranged from 16th century Dutch masters Pieter Brueghel and Jacob Jordeans to contemporary artists Marc Chagall and Tom Nakashima, a well known Washington artist.

There were nearly 30 Unificationist artists represented and the media coverage seems to have been quite substantial. Over 2000 people attended the exhibit which was coordinated by Michael and Elizabeth Ennis.

RFK Stadium Production

In addition to the Festival events there was considerable effort made on the stadium production. Steve Marks and David Carlin King of Carlin Enterprises were instrumental in fulfilling our talent, production and ground transportation needs. Their company was able to secure the talents of the Chinese Ribbon Dancers, the Eastern High School Band, the West African Dancers and the Apollo Karate Team.

Soprano Jamie Baer Peterson presented a heart rendering performance of "Morning of An Age" (composed by Kevin Pickard with the text by Randolph Remmel), a piece composed for the Assembly of the World Religions conference in 1985.

The contributions of Raoul Joseph and Miyuki Harley in the stadium production should not be overlooked. They performed "Your Heart will Open the Way" which was composed by Kevin Pickard for the Blessing '97 event. They also sang "Eternal Love" and "World of Love," tribute songs from the 1992 and 1995 Blessings. Raoul and Miyuki work so well as a duet and I believe the music from the previous WCSF's was most complimentary to the occasion. Their set was just right to bring the Holy Spirit into the stadium environment.

Kevin Pickard recorded much of the ceremonial music that was utilized during the RFK proceedings. Linda Eisenberg and Larry Moffitt created the script for the Stadium show and their tireless

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Dan's Greatest Hits: The Inside Story

by Dan Fefferman—Washington, DC

Several people have asked me to write a history of the songs I've recorded on "Dan Fefferman's Greatest Hits." So here it is. But first a word about how the album was produced.

In the basement of the DC Church, our church musical director, Otmar Weinmann, maintains an impressive if cramped little studio. Pipes run along the ceiling, and the scurrying footsteps of Japanese sisters can be heard on the floor above, busily preparing to head out to bless people.

While things quiet down, Otmar and I concentrate on synthesizers and arrangements, saving the vocals until we can use the mikes without fear of footsteps. Through Otmar's wizardry and my voice and guitars, Dan's Greatest Hits was born.

All the songs were written and sung by yours truly. Otmar did the engineering, played the keyboards, and provided the synthesized effects such as trumpets, strings, woodwinds, and angelic choirs in the background. The arrangements were done by me and tweaked by Otmar, with help from the Band In a Box computer program. How they get all those drums inside that little box is still a mystery to me.

Now, about the songs:

Come on in the Kitchen. I wrote this just after I joined, in late 1968, during my first three-day fast. That's why it's about vitality elements. The title is taken from an old song by Mississippi bluesman Robert Johnson: "You better come on in my kitchen, it's going to be raining outside."

Generation of Righteousness. This one came as a revelation. It was in Berkeley, in 1971. I was upstairs in our attic office, and I prayed to God to give me a song that "our whole Family" could sing. Fifteen minutes later, *Generation of Righteousness*, probably my most complex composition, was

complete. I've always thought of trumpets with this song. Now, at last, I have them.

The Kingdom of Heaven's at Hand. This version captures the way I originally conceived it—Cajun style with accordions and fiddles in the background—to the tune of an old Louisiana dance song. The "Ahhh-Aeee's" use the two-note melody that Jewish priests play on their ram's horns during the high holidays, which ties in to the theme of clarion calls, Joshua, and walls of illusion coming tumbling down.

I've Got a Right to Be Happy. This one memorializes a very hopeful moment. I was leading a CARP IOWC team in Los Angeles, when the news came that my wife—who had returned from four years as a missionary in Iran—and I would soon be getting together to start our family. It's one of those love songs that doesn't know whether it's addressed to one's spouse or to God.

The Day of Hope. I wrote this in Baltimore during preparations for Father's talks during the first Day of Hope tour in 1973. We were doing street theater to publicize the talks, and I decided to write a theme



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song. In the chorus, there's a touch of a Korean folk song from a record Dr. Young Oon Kim gave me.

Shout About It! The first song I ever sang for True Father, when he came to the Bay Area in 1969. He closed his eyes in prayer the whole time I was singing. I still wonder where his spirit went during those minutes. I've always wanted to give this song to a powerful gospel group like the Mighty Clouds of Joy. Oh yes, believe it or not, the three female singers in the background are all me!

The Lord Is One. Also known as "All My Brethren," this song is based on the Jewish prayer, the Shema Israel—"Hear O Israel the Lord Your God, the Lord is One." The song came to me in the car while I was driving to my grandmother's house in 1970 and remembering the tunes my grandparents use to hum when they'd take me for rides. The chorus is bor-

rowed from an Appalachian folk hymn called "Talk About Suffering."

The King's Highway. This is an upbeat

song, written when I was regional coordinator in the Chicago Area in 1977. It was inspired by the spirit of our local MFT sisters: "There's all those people just waiting for to hear the news, and you're bound to make it quickly in your serving shoes."

Life At Barrytown. Picture me huddled with my guitar in the guard booth at UTS at 3 a.m., in 1984. That's where this song was written, while a little space heater struggled noisily against the chill. It was almost accepted as the school's alma mater (too wistful and nostalgic, not majestic enough, I think). But I do think it captures the spirit of the Seminary experience. UTS grads tell me it brings a tear to the eye.

Dedicate Your Love. This one's very recent, written in the Spring of 1997. I experienced a spiritual renewal during that time, from which this song comes. It also expresses the ideal of the RFK Blessing. Kind of a Latin theme, inspired by a Peruvian musical group I ran into one day at the Capitol.

The Marriage Has Come. Speaking of the Blessing, this one was written back in 1970, while I was in Korea observing the preparations for the 777 Blessing (too young myself, I had been attending a VOC conference). It's full of biblical references to messianic visions of peace, and union between heaven and earth.

Absolute Sex. I got out my old electric guitar and let loose on this one. God's answer to Heavy Metal. Warning: this song is rated PG-13. But if you've been reading Father's speeches with your family each morning, it should pose no problem whatsoever!

"Dan Fefferman's Greatest Hits" is available on audiocassette for \$10 each by writing to The Word Mill, PO Box 132, Glenn Dale MD, 20769. Special offer: three cassettes for \$20. US shipping included. Contact Dan at dfeff@aol.com for more information. ❖

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efforts in making the day a cohesive event should not be underestimated.

In Hindsight—A reflection.

I feel that the quality of performances and production/technical support was consistently high as there were no technical problems and the artistic integrity of each event was never compromised. Being in the Performing Arts for over 21 years has taught me a great many lessons. A reoccurring theme, one that Father himself has reiterated, is that the arts are like the face of our movement. They reflect our values and beliefs—our culture.

Over the years we haven't always had the proper circumstances in which to present our cultural expressions and this cultural festival was a challenge in that regard. I feel that the quality was never compromised and as a result we could be very proud of the quality of that which was presented during the week of WCSF III.

For me personally WCSF was a very rewarding experience. Having been in the Performing Arts in our movement for over 21 years, WCSF III represented a culmination of sorts. This was a harvesting of many of the seeds that

Parents have planted in the artistic world. I'm sorry there is not more fruit to bring to the altar—artists who can fully appreciate the Father's commitment to marriage and fidelity as a way to build the ideal of world peace.

Obviously, Father has hope and a certain faith that we can eventually achieve our innermost goals as people (and artists). I remember Father saying that the criteria for becoming a great artist was to become a grandparent. Only after experiencing all realms of family love could one qualify to express the most profound emotions via ones creative endeavors. Obviously we all have a way to go before can meet that criteria.

I feel very strongly that with the proper spiritual attitude and external circumstances, many of our more talented members can produce significant art. This was evident in the "Images of Eden" art exhibit and the work of Kevin Pickard (Music Director of the RFK production) Miyuki Harley, Raoul Joseph, Linda Eisenberg (Director of the RFK show) Larry Moffitt and the Shin Sekai Ensemble. WCSF provided a unique opportunity to display the talents of our members in a very positive fashion.

I thank God and True Parents for their support in making the Cultur-

al events of WCSF III as successful as they were and pray for even greater success in the future.

David Eaton was the Director of Cultural Events for WCSF III. ❖

Blessing In Macedonia

by Svemir Brkic

I will share a few words about the Blessing '97 Ceremony held in Skopje, capitol of Macedonia on November 29. The event took place in the same hall as the inauguration of the FFWP almost exactly one year ago. After two short congratulatory messages and musical performance by a classical trio, we started to follow the main Blessing ceremony.

We had a big screen showing the Washington event, but it was not by direct satellite transmission—we received it through normal TV antenna, since Macedonian national TV broadcast the whole satellite program from Washington! So even though there was only 20 to 30 pre-blessing couples (due to poor organization from our side) and 6 newly matched couples and some more guests, we think that many more pre-blessed couples could see and hear True Parents Blessing prayer through TV. This

was the first time True Parents came to Macedonia so almost directly.

One of the new brides was from Albania, working in an embassy there. Her boss, the ambassador, traveled by car all the way from Albania to Skopje, together with his daughter and five more people—just to be at her wedding. We invited him to cut the cake together with that sister's couple and he said a few wonderful words with fatherly heart. He just came suddenly out of nowhere, made us all feel even more special and happy, and he disappeared again.

In the end, we invited everybody to the stage to take some photos, and when I saw them all together, I felt so happy, so beautiful.

A comment from an elderly lady who saw the Washington event on TV (without any understanding of English or our movement): "Well, there were many brides and grooms, and then the King and the Queen came..." ❖

TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

FATHER'S JOURNEY TO PUSAN

by Renee Balise

Escape to the south! Escape to the south!" That was everyone's goal. The war was all around them, and the communists were on the move. The safest place in Korea was as far south as anyone could get. Thousands of people set out every day for Pusan, at the southernmost tip of Korea. The roads were full of people.

Father, however, did not go to the south right away. First, he wanted to check on his disciples in Pyongyang. Had they gone south? Were they safe? He refused to leave without them.

God's direction to Father did not include his going home, so he did not go back to his home city; he never saw his parents and family again.

In Pyongyang he found his first disciple, Won Pil Kim. Together they went to visit each disciple. To True Father's great disappointment, many of them had not remained faithful. While Father had been suffering so terribly in the prison, they had become discouraged and gone back to living for themselves. Father went to see each one of them three times, and three times they declined to join him.

During this time, the war continued between the communists and the United Nations troops. The communists were led by two men. One was a Chinese man named Mao Tse Tung, and the other was a Korean named Kim Il Sung. Satan was using these two men to build the Satanic Kingdom on earth. God was using Father to build the Heavenly Kingdom on earth.

Because his disciples had lost faith in him, Father decided that he should go back once more to the southern part of Korea. He told Won Pil Kim, "You and Mr. Pak should prepare to go to the south with me right away."

Won Pil Kim went to find Mr. Pak. Imagine his surprise when he found that Mr. Pak had a broken leg. He had been captured by the police and questioned. As punishment, they broke his leg, but then they decided he was innocent and let him go.

"Father," Mr. Kim said, "Mr. Pak has a broken leg and cannot walk. He has a big cast from the top of his leg all the way to the bottom. I found him lying down and feeling very sad because he thought you and I had already gone south without him."

Father answered, "We are all going south together."

When Mr. Pak heard this news, he was so surprised. He cried and cried

from happiness because Father cared so much about him.

They found an old bicycle at the house of Mr. Pak's sister. Father struggled to put Mr. Pak on it. On December 4, 1950, in the middle of their very icy cold winter, Father, Mr. Kim, and Mr. Pak with the broken leg, began their long, hard journey to Pusan in South Korea.

True Father pulled the bicycle from the front, and Mr. Kim, who carried their packages, helped push from behind.

It was a most difficult and dangerous journey. They could not use the main roads because those roads were reserved for the United Nations troops.



January 1954. Father (first row, center) with early followers in the Pusan church

The middle roads were very crowded with people running away from the communists in the north. Father had to use the smallest back roads, which led through dark woods, cold rivers and steep mountains. Imagine trying to pull a person as big as yourself on a bicycle—over mountains, through rivers and in the woods! Mr. Kim was amazed at Father's strong body, even after two and a half years in prison. He was even more amazed by his strong spirit!

Sometimes the communists would shoot at the people from airplanes high in the sky. When the people saw this, they would run and try to save themselves. Mothers and fathers sometimes even forgot to care for their own children when this happened. Father never acted this way. No matter what happened, he always took good care of Mr. Pak and Won Pil Kim.

Even though True Father took care of Mr. Pak, eventually the poor man with the broken leg wanted to give up. One day he said, "Father, I just can't go on anymore. I am going to die anyway, so please go on without me."

"No!" True Father said, "That's no way to talk! How could you say such a thing? We pledged to God to live togeth-

er and die together, and you must not say such things!" He would not abandon Mr. Pak.

After many days, the three struggling men came to a province called Hwanghae Do. Two miles from there was an island named Yongmae. They heard that if they went there they could take a boat the rest of the way to Pusan. This would take much less time than walking. There was only one problem: how would they get to the island without a boat? It looked rather hopeless.

"What will I do now?" Mr. Pak moaned in pain. "I can't walk through the water for two miles with a broken leg!"

"Don't worry," Father told him, "I will get you there."

"How can you do that?" Mr. Pak asked doubtfully. "You cannot pull a bicycle through the ocean."

"When the tide goes out, I will put you on my back and carry you there," Father answered. Mr. Pak was amazed. He wondered if Father could really do it. Sure enough, when the tide went out, Father put Mr. Pak on his back and began the walk through the cold, muddy, slippery ocean bottom. With each step the mud hung

to Father's feet, making them so heavy.

While he walked Father prayed and thought, "This man represents all the people of the world. If I cannot succeed in carrying him to this island, then my mission to save the world cannot succeed." This prayer gave Father strength to succeed no matter how heavy Mr. Pak was or how tired Father might be.

Finally, they did make it. It was the hope of catching the boat that kept them going. Father was so tired he was panting. A boat was just leaving for the south, but there were more people than could possibly fit on the boat. They realized they couldn't get on. Father saw people thinking only of saving themselves. One mother even got on the boat without her daughter. "Mother!" the daughter cried out. "Why are you going on the boat alone? What about me? Please don't leave me here alone!"

"You are young and you'll think of something," her mother answered grimly, "I am old, and I must go on this boat or I'll surely die." Father felt deep pain and sadness to see people acting that way. How miserable they were! Father turned to his companions; sadly he said, "We must go back."

The boat left. It was hopeless to think about going South on a boat now. Father knew they must leave before the communists came, so once again, when the tide went out, he put Mr. Pak on his back and carried him the two miles back to Hwanghae Do. Again they walked slowly through the thick, heavy mud.

When Father arrived back on land, his first thought was for the two men. "Somehow I must comfort and revitalize my brothers," he thought. He turned to them and said, "Tonight someone will feed you well."

They began to walk, but a policeman who at first thought Father was a communist made them go north. Soon it was night, and there was no light. The three men walked in com-

plete darkness. On and on they trudged—so tired, so dirty, so hungry.

Suddenly they saw a red light sparkling in the distance! As they went toward the light they saw it was a house. Mr. Pak and Mr. Kim were filled with joy.

When Father knocked on the door, it was answered by a young schoolteacher and his wife. They had been preparing to go south but hadn't left yet. "My name is Moon Sun Myung," Father told him, "and these are my friends, Kim Won Pil and Pak Jung Hwa." Father told him about all their experiences and the man felt sorry for their sufferings.

"You are very welcome here," the schoolteacher said. "Your road has been very hard. I don't have much, but what I have I will gladly share with you." He fed them a nice dinner and invited them to sleep in the warmest part of the house where he and his wife usually slept. The next morning he killed a chicken and made them a wonderful breakfast. Father was so grateful to God for this wonderful gift. He had prayed, "Heavenly Father, even if I am sacrificed, it is all right as long as my disciples are given enough." When God heard this prayer, He was deeply moved and led the three men to this house, where they were given good food and a warm place to rest.

Soon they set out to complete the journey. By the end of December, 1950, the three men reached Seoul in South Korea. Many of the houses were already deserted, because the communists were coming. It was almost like a ghost town.

Father decided they should continue on their way to Pusan, which was at the southern tip of Korea. Mile after long mile, they walked. Sometimes wonderful things would happen. Once they came to a town where they had all the apples they could eat! In another town, they were given all the rice cakes they could eat.

On the way, Mr. Pak's broken leg finally healed, and the cast could be taken off. Then they came to a place named Kyung Ju City and Mr. Pak, worn out by the long journey, begged to stay there and meet them in Pusan later. Father saw that he was strong enough to take care of himself and he agreed.

Then Father and Won Pil Kim went on to another town called Ulsan. There they were able to catch a train to Pusan. It was a cargo train and there wasn't any room for them to sit, so they had to hang on to the front where the engine was running and the coal was burning. Father's clothes became black with grease and dirt from the train. At least it was faster than walking.

On January 27, 1951, about two months after they began their journey, they reached Choyang Young Station in Pusan, where they would begin a new life.

Satan had tried his hardest to defeat True Father, but Father's strong spirit and love for God were unchanging, and he was able to endure to the end and gain the victory for heaven and for earth. ♦

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THE ORIGIN OF CONFLICT AND SUFFERING

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In the "Principle of Creation," God's ideal for our world was presented. There it was explained that God originally created man to see His own nature expressed in a tangible, visible being, with whom He could share a give and take of love. He thus created men and women who were intended to grow to perfection, form families and establish with God and each other the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

We don't have to look very far to realize that this ideal has not been realized. We have experienced what is perhaps the most violent century in all of history. Images of Dachau and Auschwitz, Hiroshima and the Gulag, homeless boat people and starving Cambodians, remind us dramatically of how far we are from anything resembling a truly human society.

Beyond these global catastrophes, there are the far too frequent sufferings of individuals and families. As families many suffer from conflict where there should be harmony and from resentment where we want there to be love. As individuals we often find ourselves struggling against ourselves, torn by inner conflict. We can all identify with apostle Paul's lament:

I can will what is right but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. (Romans 7:18)

Or even with the embattled comic

strip character Pogo's discovery: "I have found the enemy—and he is us!"

It is no wonder that most religious scriptures contend that there is an infinite gulf between God and men.

According to the Jewish Talmud, two rabbinical schools prominent just before the time of Jesus debated over whether it would have been better if man had never been created, in the light of his subsequent sins and tribulations. After two and a half years of argument, the majority of rabbis voted with the famed Rabbi Hillel that the creation of man was a tragedy!

Within the Judeo-Christian tradition, the gap between the ideal and the real has been explained by the story, the first parents of humankind disobeyed God, separating themselves from Him and also bringing about the separation of all their future descendants from Him. This separation from God has caused further separations between people and within the individual heart of each person. Today we are separated from God, from ourselves and from others, and thus it may be said that we live in a state of sin.

Myth or History?

In the twentieth century the idea of a human Fall has encountered no little skepticism. The issues raised by Charles Darwin have had a particularly significant influence on scholarly and popular literature and have widely affected modern thinking concerning human beginnings.

Also, rather than think that the Genesis account of the Fall represents any particular event in history, a number of modern thinkers prefer to interpret it as a description of an inner process shared in by all men. The well-known psychologist Rollo May, for example, believed the Eden story describes the coming of age of every individual, involving an inevitable loss of innocence and the painful dawning of self-awareness symbolized by eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Influenced by the insights of such men, today we question ideas of a first man and woman, forbidden fruits and original sin. Perhaps with others we recognize that interpretations such as May's seem inadequate to addressing such problems as the contradiction between a God of goodness and love and a chaotic world of suffering. By the same token, we may believe with many scholars that Darwin's theories do not exclude the possibility of divine guidance in the process of evolution. Nevertheless, we still are not content with traditional interpretations of the Fall of man. We need something new.

Any new insight into the Genesis story must incorporate the strengths and address the shortcomings of both traditional and modern interpretations. At the same time, it should point to a solution for remedying the effects of the Fall, thereby offering the hope that God's original ideal might yet be fulfilled. Happily, for many people these needs are met in the Divine Principle

explanation of the Fall.

Tales of Origins

Before we discuss the Divine Principle understanding of the Genesis story, let us note that all cultures have provided us with conceptions of the origins of evil, many of which display a remarkable similarity.

In Egyptian tales, for example, we hear of a lost golden age, of death caused by the "ancestress of women," and of a serpent. In Greek heritage, the woman Pandora's curiosity allowed evils and woes to escape into the world. Indian legend teaches that Brahma was tempted by Siva into thinking that a blossom from the Tree of Knowledge would give him immortality.

The significance of these stories is not that they are literal recordings of events. They are legends that perhaps can be viewed as reflections of vague racial memories which share common themes because they reflect something that actually did happen. In the revealed story Genesis, we have perhaps the fullest indication of what that "something" is.

As you read the material in the upcoming months you may discover familiar ideas that gain your immediate understanding. In the alternative, you may meet ideas that are so new and different that they take some getting used to. Such reactions are normal, for the Divine Principle view of the Fall will lead you on unfamiliar terrain. ❖

Exploring the Paraguay and Amazon Rivers

by Gareth Davies—Barrytown, NY

UTS chaplain Reverend Taek Yong Oh recently spent a month accompanying Father on a journey of exploration along the Paraguay and Amazon rivers. Much of the area which they explored along the two great rivers is virgin rain-forest which shows no evidence of man's presence. Father's plan, said Reverend Oh, is that some part of this area can be preserved as a place of encounter, where God and people and "all things" can meet in a "new Eden." Father sees the Amazon as a point of global unity and his plan for the river calls for representatives of 185 nations to settle along its banks at points which were selected during this journey.

For Reverend Oh, this journey was a profound experience which deeply affected his perception of the Founder. "This was a turning point in my understanding of True Father and his teaching" said Reverend Oh in a recent interview. "Father educated me many times," he said "and explained that in order to understand Father's speeches, we have to begin with his suffering course. Through knowing this course, we can reach a deeper understanding of Father's words." After spending each day for four weeks in Father's company, Rev. Oh reports that he could witness something of Father's course by witnessing and experiencing Father's daily life of total commitment and focus on the will



Rev Oh, center, with True Parents on the Paraguay River; and with some of the UTS grads who are building a school at the New Hope Farm.



course of indemnity which is its foundation. When he can understand and experience that course to the point of "wailing" in tears, then, said Father, he will be able to deeply understand and record that history.

During his visit to New Hope

Farm in Brazil, Reverend Oh was happy to be able to share with the 23 graduates who are working there all of the inspirations and rich experiences of this unforgettable journey. ❖

of God.

Throughout the month, Rev. Oh's role was that of chronicler, recording all of the events and speeches. Know-

ing of his passion for this role, Father told him that if he wants to write a history of the Unification Movement, he must first understand the suffering

Investment in Brazil

by Christian Lepelletier
—Sao Paulo, Brazil

The *Folha de Sao Paulo* (one of the two largest newspapers in Brazil) published one article on December 6 entitled: "Moon will invest R\$100 millions in Matto Grosso South State", from the local correspondent in Campo Grande.

The official announcement was made by Kim Yoon Song in charge of the New Hope Farm project in Jardim, in a meeting of businessmen and local politicians at the soccer club of Corumbá. The investment will be used to develop fishing and hunting activities in Pantanal. Over the last two or three years our community became the largest investor in that region of Matto Grosso South State.

The journalist working for the *Folha de Sao Paulo* used the word "sect" to describe our movement and did not make a very good report. On October

27, the local newspaper of Campo Grande, the *Diario da Serra* published the photo of the New Hope Farm project on the front page with the title: "Reverend Moon plants Eden in Jardim". And in the middle special section one full page with three pictures, with the main title: "Jardim paradise possible according to Moon". The reports and stories were fairly positive thanks to Waldir Cipriani (working with the *Tiempo del Mundo* project), who could meet the publisher and provided correct information concerning the Jardim project. ❖

Ideology and the Political Process



PAUL CARLSON

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This article that first appeared in these pages more than five years ago. I am republishing it as the issues remain as sharp, and the news media as confused as ever.

Politics is a fascinating subject. Many religious people claim to be staying out of such "sordid, worldly" activities. Actually, staying out is not as easy as it sounds. The American Founders roundly denounced certain Quakers who claimed to be doing so.

Other believers won't "leave politics to the ungodly." Some have supported small-country, Marxist liberation movements. Others have backed some "to the right of Attila the Hun" type candidate. We Unificationists ought to understand such matters, as it is going on all around us.

The Divine Principle contains a good synopsis of the history of civilization, and of politics. From primitive tribes, to fortified cities with a God-King, to developing nations with distinct philosophies. Today we refer to such ideas as "-isms." Look up words like: democracy, republic, socialist, fascist, etc. Some newer dictionaries have "revised" their meaning. It's interesting to compare!

Similar confusion surrounds terms such as "conservative" and "liberal." To the news media, American conservatives want to cut the government and its programs, while Russian conservatives want to rebuild a monolithic, Stalinist government. The terms are now so twisted that they're practically useless.

Dr. Skousen

I am grateful to a good man I've met, constitutional scholar Dr. Cleon Skousen, for teaching a much simpler method of analyzing this. (See chart. It has changed a lot in five years!) When I visited Macedonia in 1991, the people were excited about their impending national independence. They spoke of "building democracy." I pointed out that the United States isn't really a democracy, but rather a "constitutional republic." And the scale carries further right, even into anarchy. (As their neighbor Bosnia soon managed to do.) And, as with the French Revolution, anar-

chy is fertile soil for a Napoleon. The United States was founded as a genuinely new kind of nation, with a bold, untried ideology. Where government has a clear and *limited* role, and common people have rights and responsibilities, and can lead their lives as they see fit. It wasn't perfect, as the Civil War was to prove. But it brought about freedom and prosperity unheard of in world history. (Read Thomas Paine's classic works.) Americans have always mistrusted government, and with good reason. We want freedom and privacy, and government always wishes to trade these for "security."

The national government must handle certain functions, such as defense, treaties, and immigration. Also the issuing of secure money, and the oversight of large projects like dams. It has several other constitutional functions, but not many.

In the modern world, government has expanded its role to the battle against disease and farm pests, and the assigning of radio and TV frequencies. Also, insuring the safety of public transportation, foods and medicines. Lastly, supporting the largest scientific undertakings, such as space exploration and nuclear research.

An aside: count how many of these are only needed because this is a fall-en world.

Too much government

Problems develop when "big gov-

ernment" steps in—especially where we were doing just fine on our own. When government "wants to help you," look out!

The droughts of the 1930s inspired "temporary relief" programs for farmers. (See *The Grapes of Wrath*.) The widows and orphans of the Depression were helped by a modest, inexpensive Social Security program.

An unfortunate wave of poverty inspired a small, last-resort governmental welfare program. The sight of down-and-out folks in the ghettos brought about a few subsidized Public Housing projects. And so on.

Vast legions of well-paid bureaucrats now administer these programs. Our agricultural policies involving land, water, surpluses, etc., could not have been dreamed up by a mad genius. Social Security alone has a larger budget than that of almost every nation in the world!

We're into our third generation of single-mother welfare recipients. Those benighted housing projects are being torn down as fast as possible. Vast new "health care" bureaucracies may soon emerge. There exists a veritable alphabet soup of competing local, regional, state and federal Agencies, attempting to "take care of" everything imaginable.

Government solutions

Americans have gotten so used to this that we expect and demand a "government solution" for every problem. Politicians promise that they can "right

every wrong." They and their allies consider each new program "progressive," and measure the "compassion" thus expressed in terms of how many billions of tax dollars are spent.

Frederic Bastiat replied: "As long as these ideas prevail, it is clear that the responsibility of government is enormous. It is burdened with everything, it undertakes everything, it does everything. [If] we are unfortunate, then government must bear the blame." He wrote this 155 years ago, and since then many governments have toppled due to unfulfilled promises. Conversely, many evils have been overlooked if they "kept the trains running on time."

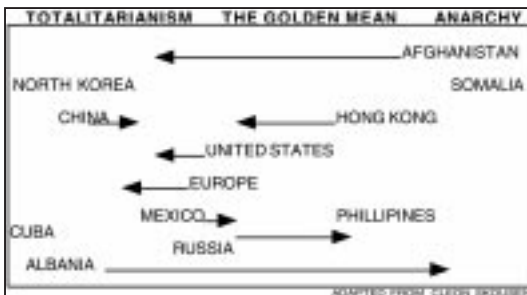
Both certainly applied to the late USSR. Could it apply here? After the L.A. riots, most of the rioters polled declared: "The government doesn't care about me enough." Most working folks hope the government -especially the IRS- ignores them!

"The government is mainly an expensive organization to regulate evildoers, and tax those who behave: government does little for fairly respectable people except annoy them." - E.W. Howe

What's in store for this overburdened nation? After the Constitution was written, a woman asked Benjamin Franklin, "What have you given us?" He replied, "A republic, madam, if you can keep it." At that time, Alexander Tyler opined, "They will last until the public discovers they can vote themselves largess from the public treasury."

Many people are painfully aware of this. We hear talk of "cutting the budget." Several modern leaders have tried. This caused some painful dislocations, well-covered on TV. And it earned them unending blame and scorn. We, the voting public, must become informed,

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Find the seven differences between these two drawings of wrapping up the presents for Christmas

Help them find the wrapping paper

The Art of Listening

by David Kasbow—Detroit, MI

It's ironic that in a society that is bombarded with information, where people get degrees in "communication," that an essential part of this communication, listening, is a lost art. It may be good sometimes to tune out the technological devices surrounding us, but when we tune out other people, we lose something valuable. When we listen to others at all it is usually with the purpose of responding with our own viewpoint. We are usually either speaking or preparing to speak. In this mode, nothing gets accomplished because the words go out and are lost. One reason it may be so hard is that we are never taught how to listen. In the world of communication skills, we are taught to write and to talk. We are also taught to read, which is a kind of listening, but we are never taught how to listen to others as they communicate directly to us. This is a tragedy, because listening to others is extremely powerful and extremely effective. We know the experience that when people laugh at our jokes we become funnier and funnier, and if they do not, the jokes in us weaken and sputter out. When someone listens to us, we unfold, create and grow. We know the principle of it: subject and object are both necessary for anything to exist. Who is the person you like to talk to? The one who has an opinion about everything (another subject) or the one who takes time to listen to what you have to say (an object)?

In relationships, listening is lacking especially by men, whether they be husbands, fathers or sons. We tend to

be the problem solvers, we tend to "do" rather than to "be". It's why men are lonelier than women, I think. Unless you listen, you don't really know people. You don't let them into your life.

It was Carl Rogers who popularized listening as a therapeutic tool. He named his approach to therapy "Client Centered." It is now the basis for most therapy. It stemmed from his belief that each individual has the desire and ability to grow and to solve his or her own problems. He believed that people have everything they need, and can do this well, if provided the right kind of environment, a supportive environment he called "Unconditional Positive Regard" (or what I would call unconditional love). During World War II, he trained the thousands of counselors needed to help returning veterans. He took lay people and taught them to create this kind of environment through listening. This gave them the ability to be a healing influence for others quite effectively. In sessions with clients, I am still amazed that just being there helps them. I may not answer any question, or give any insight, or solve any problem in a session, but they will say that the time spent together has been good and helpful.

The key technique of listening is deciding to be actively there for the other person more than for yourself.



Steven Covey, author of *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, encourages us to "seek to understand before we are understood." The goal is to not give your viewpoint, but to really understand the other person; to be able to walk in his or her shoes as closely as you can. Listening sounds like a passive enterprise, but it is actually hard work. Covey says that the result of this work gives the other person "psychological air." It meets a vital need in the person: to be appreciated for who they are; to be affirmed as a person; to really exist!

There is a common expression, "I need my own space." But to really have this, we need another to be there also.

Once you can get in the space of being there for the other person, listening can be taken to an even higher level by being "reflective," being able to respond to the other person in such a way that you know where they are

internally. This is done by simply reflecting back to the person the emotion underlying their words. When a person tells you his boss is an idiot, don't tell him, "Well, why don't you quit?" Don't tell him, "You should not have this kind of attitude" and don't even ask him "Why?" Instead, simply reflect back, "You sound angry." Be with him emotionally in the moment. I guarantee that he already knows he should not have this attitude, and actually, he already has some sense of what he should do. What he doesn't have, which you can give, is the freedom to work his problem out in a non-judgmental, trusted environment, the "unconditional positive regard" mentioned above. When you can do this, people will open up, telling you things they would not say to anyone. The benefits will come back to you in the trust you gain and the bonds you create.

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and strong-willed enough to "bite the bullet" on these tough issues.

Yet, the very people who benefit from government programs are also voters. That's one reason the United States is a Republic, because we can elect people brave enough to run the government right, and keep it within proper bounds. (Read John F. Kennedy's *Profiles in Courage* for true examples.)

The public must reelect leaders who do the job well, no matter how painful it is. The people rarely get leaders any better than themselves!

Again we refer to the Divine Principle. It speaks of the special nature of democratic governments—that, as the people become more religious, their

society and nation will automatically follow suit.

During my visits to Russia and Macedonia, I was surrounded by debate about "what system" they ought to adopt. Yet if the people do not respond, no system can be made to work. On the other hand, if the people are free, honest, and involved, practically any system will work out.

The United States is still the most successful and influential country in the world. At 200 years plus, it is still young, in historical terms. It could be that the best is yet to come!

Several Unificationist projects have defended world and American freedom, and taught widely about the American Constitution, as the best foundation for any government in history.

It is said, "If men were angels, government would not be necessary." But we are not, and no attempt at building Utopia has ever succeeded. Yet virtually all religions believe in, and speak of, a future Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, by whatever name.

The public debate is shifting. Few now believe that government pay-outs can continue -much less increase indefinitely. Thousands of people cut loose by welfare reform have, in fact, found jobs. Several celebrities who advocate morality are becoming increasingly popular.

I've heard some excellent speculations about these issues, by Unificationists and others. If anyone has any thoughts, I'd love to hear from you. Paul Carlson, PO Box 74, San Lorenzo, CA 94580 ❖

NEW BOOK

Explorations in Unificationism

HSA-UWC recently published a new book titled *Explorations in Unificationism*. It is a collection of essays by Unificationist scholars representing a wide variety of fields of study. It is edited by UTS's President Theodore Shimmyo and Dr. David Carlson who have been working on the project for several years.

The essays range from Dr. Shimmyo's "Unification Christology: A Fulfillment of Niceno-Chalcedonian Orthodoxy" to Dr. Elizabeth Colford's "Towards A Unification Theory of Art and Beauty" and Dr. Yoshihiko Masuda's "Genuine Monotheism and Inter-X Movements: H.R. Niebuhrian Analysis of the Unification Movement."

The book's introduction includes the following comments: "The present volume comes to the reader in the hope that through these essays she or he may

catch at least a glimpse, and hopefully an inspired vision, of the far-reaching implications of Unificationism and its applications. The essays vary considerably but they share one thing in common: they are all explorations in Unificationism or Unification thinking. Each author has attempted to relate Unification thinking to his/her respective academic area in order to develop and express it in terms of the conceptual horizons of biblical studies, theology, interreligious dialogue and encounter, philosophy, science and social science. Although the essence of Unificationism (which some might briefly describe as "true love") remains unchanged, the way in which it is expressed and applied to contemporary societies can (and should) change." *Explorations in Unificationism* is available at the UTS and HSA bookstores for \$12. ❖

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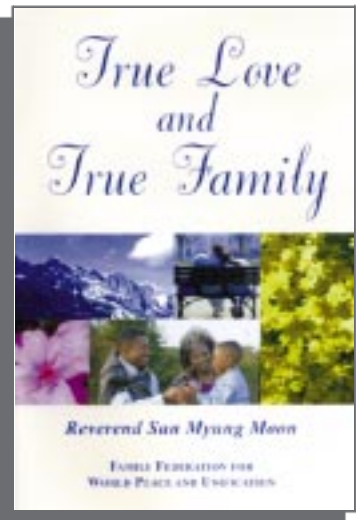
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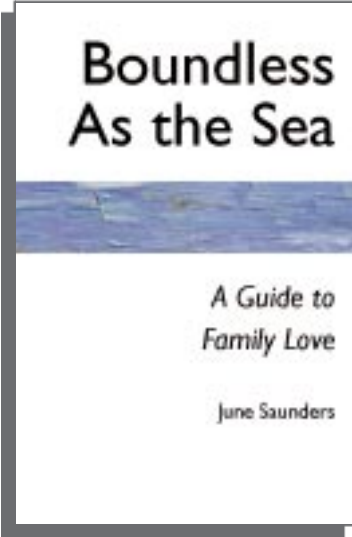
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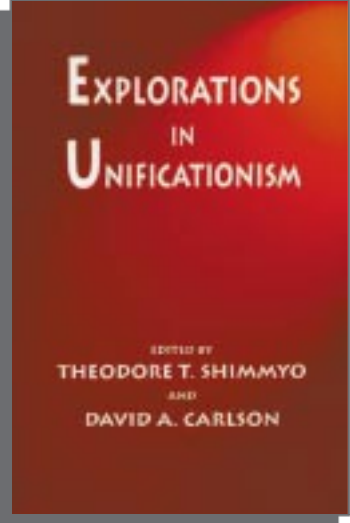
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The Unificationist Project

When Reverend and Mrs. Moon entered RFK Stadium on November 29, 1997, what handiwork did they survey? They surveyed the fruit of the Unificationist project of almost five decades. Let us first consider simply this period of time, the length of Reverend Moon's career.

To have a sustained effort of one life spanning fifty years, in the heat of public scrutiny, is remarkable in and of itself. Some scholars achieve it, but in a sphere removed from any other war than that of words. Some politicians achieve it, but usually as great power partisans. Religious leaders achieve it, but, again, usually as representatives of an established belief system.

For a religious leader to achieve it amid the hue and cry of the greatest of men's passions, bearing the near universal distrust and, dare I say, the fear and loathing of much of the educated portion of mankind, this is remarkable in and of itself. For such a man to stand serenely and happily, as Reverend Moon did on that day, is a monument to the power of the human spirit.

And what did Reverend and Mrs. Moon survey? Most essentially: men and woman who are mates to each other; married couples. Again, let us pause to consider the significance of a gathering of married couples. Such things are not the usual fare these days. As the Pure Love Alliance flyer stated, referring to the Promise Keepers and the Million Woman March, "The men rallied. The women marched. But they were a hundred miles apart from each other." Reverend Moon stood with his wife, and they surveyed married couples who are there as couples, not as individuals. They were there to celebrate the blessing of marriage.

By celebrating marriage, man and woman are celebrating each other in the most dignified way. Man and woman are the two poles of humanity, the human incarnations of the *yang* and *yin* of the whole cosmos. They are conscious of being so and enjoying the privilege of loving each other. This is the blessing given us by our Creator in marriage.

Parents and the Future

These couples stood up for that of which everyone knows our society is in desperate need: husbands who are faithful to their wives, wives who are faithful to their husbands, and parents and children who are faithful to each other and to their mutual, natural covenant. They stood as families seeing beyond race, nation and religion to affirm that what unites us is not skin color, not perspectives on the divine, not flags or systems of government, but the love we share in the family. This is the love which creates us, and the love which makes, as the song goes, the world go round.

More than that, these couples stood up for the future. Parents create the future through their love, because their love begets and rears children. Conjugal love always has that "future implication" attached to it; hence it has "responsibility" and "commitment"

attached to it. Conjugal love is, in a sense, an entity unto itself, because it represents the baby which it can bring into being. In a sense, conjugal love itself is a person, a third party to the husband and wife. There is always that "future baby" which is an integral part of their love.

This is why Catholics and Unificationists are against artificial birth control. To separate commitment and responsibility from conjugal love is to diminish it, to make it resemble the love of irresponsible Adam and Eve, free sex. Free sex is sex without the future. It is sex with no commitment or responsibility. Hence, free sex does not lead to marriage or family. Hence, free sex destroys society.

Parents and the Public Square

True Parents are the first creators of the "public square." They create that little public square inhabited by children who can say their piece, receive their just desserts, their hugs, their bandages and the nourishment of body and spirit. Rev. Moon teaches that the children's spiritual life feeds off of the spiritual life ("vitality") of their parents. The family takes a man and woman and makes them the arbiters of that little public world, that small civilization, thus, true rulers.

We may shirk from the idea that parents should use a president, king or dictator as their model, and shrink we should. It is not the traditional behavior of the ruler which should be taken into the home. Rather, it is the traditional behavior of the parent which should be taken into the civil society. The president and king should be true parents to their people, should rule society with the heart of a parent caring for the household. From this perspective, we understand Rev. Moon's viewpoint that half of elected officials should be women.

This, Reverend Moon surveyed, and in his mind's eye, he saw and prayed for, the millions upon millions of couples around the world joining the couples in the stadium. These couples affirmed true love, by their very becoming what he has called us to be, husbands and wives of true love. No cotton-candy counsel from this man, but the naked truth: your sexual organ: it belongs not to you: it belongs to your spouse. It is the most holy place, never to be defiled or abused. It belongs to only One; your king, your queen. And in one flesh created by the love of the



king and queen, God the Creator comes to dwell. It is something for 30,000 couples, 39.6 million couples, all of humankind, all the people who ever lived, to smile about and celebrate with joy.

And Reverend Moon surveyed a people of peace. I'm not talking about a Woodstock Nation or a political convention trying to be a Woodstock nation, Queer Nation, Rhythm Nation or Nation of Anything less than *The Nation of the World*. I am talking about the nation of serious homegrown Catholics, Muslims, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, and everything in-between, which is what Rev. and Mrs. Moon are calling into being. This is no mean feat, for Reverend Moon has brought this about not through the liberal secular state strategy of leaving religious faith at the door. He has brought it about within the context of one of life's events most sanctified and identified with the particularity of one's faith.

Parents and Peace

Most people marry in their church, mosque, shrine, chapel, temple, gurudwara or synagogue. Each dedicates to God as He appears to each. The *New York Times Magazine* (Dec. 7, 1997) published an excellent series of testimonies of faith, entitled "The Decentralization of God."

God is at work everywhere, among every race, political position, theological persuasion and nationality. No one can institutionalize God. We can only recognize, glorify, protect and uplift *God's* institution, and that's the family. There in RFK Stadium were 30,000 couples, surely of every face, political position, theological persuasion and nationality, recognizing God in marriage and dedicating their marriages to God.

We read of Christians and Muslims, in particular, doing battle in words and weapons. We read the most eminent and pious of Christians express fear and ignorance of the Islamic world. We meet Jews committed to "an eternal war" with the Palestinians. One searches for the common ground. Reverend Moon has found it and through his sacrifice has enlarged it to the point at which he can grab the attention of the world. A sign carried by a Unificationist protester two weeks before the event read, "Clinton and Hussein: Don't Go To War; Come to the Wedding." Who wants to fight at a wedding? Surely Mr. Clinton and Mr. Hussein, if they would truly stand by the best moral traditions of the societies they are in the position to rule, would agree that marriage is profoundly right and important, and would be able to cooperate on projects to protect and uplift families and young people.

End of the Era of Free Sex

Dr. Sang Hun Lee, founder of the Unification Thought Institute, and author of *Communism: A Critique and Counterproposal*, and the seminal treatises on Unification Thought, has published, posthumously, a work entitled *The Coming of the Age of Head-Wine Thought: Beyond Communism*. It is, in my opinion, Dr. Lee's most valuable exploration, because in this short volume he addresses the current ailments of society, and advances the practical tools which Rev. Moon's thought provides. He faces head-on the question of "what is the Principled economic system," and "what is the Principled political system." He does not provide final answers, but does develop critical metaphors of the *Divine Principle* a few steps forward in important ways.

A good portion of the first part of the book outlines Rev. Moon's activities for victory over communism through the 1970s into the 1990s, against the backdrop of history. In the latter part is an illuminating analysis of the sexual revolution and advent of the culture free sex. Dr. Lee presents valuable material from Freud, Reich and Marcuse to point out how sexual liberation is a "left-Freudian" movement. He also argues for the comparability of Marx, Darwin and Freud as architects of the era of free sex.

His discussions are brief but there are adequate footnotes to lead the reader back to the sources. I hope that Dr. Lee's outline may trigger a good deal more research in this area.

Dr. Lee's final chapter is entitled "The End of the Era of Free Sex." Of course, it is beyond anyone's wildest dreams that the era of free sex could come to an end in the foreseeable future. Who can give Hollywood a cold shower? What about the leviathan-like homosexual lobbies? Sex on the internet? The deluge of pornography in the formerly communist world, not to mention anytown, USA?

Quite right. And yet, it was 1984 when Dr. Lee published a work with a similar title, "The End of Communism." This book, too, struck one at the time as hopelessly out of touch with "reality." And yet, it turned out that this book was right on target; reality swung around as Dr. Lee's book said it would.

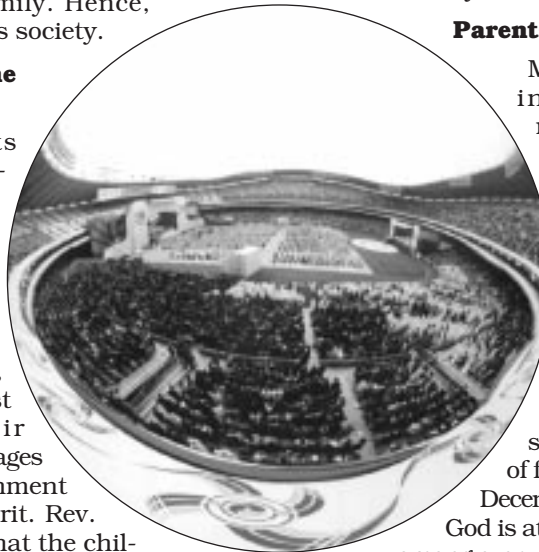
To the "end of the era of free sex," let's believe, with Dr. Lee, that it will come to pass, in the very near future! The last, great liberation!

Divorce: The Magazine

"It's Never Too Late to Have a Good Divorce," is the headline of a new magazine, out of Toronto, *Divorce*. Its purpose, writes editor Diana Shepherd, is not to endorse divorce, but to "encourage some couples to explore the possibility of staying together," but for those times that divorce is "your reality," to answer some questions. Another milestone of creativity by the free market designed to meet people's perceived needs.

But somehow, a magazine which includes guidance on how to have the

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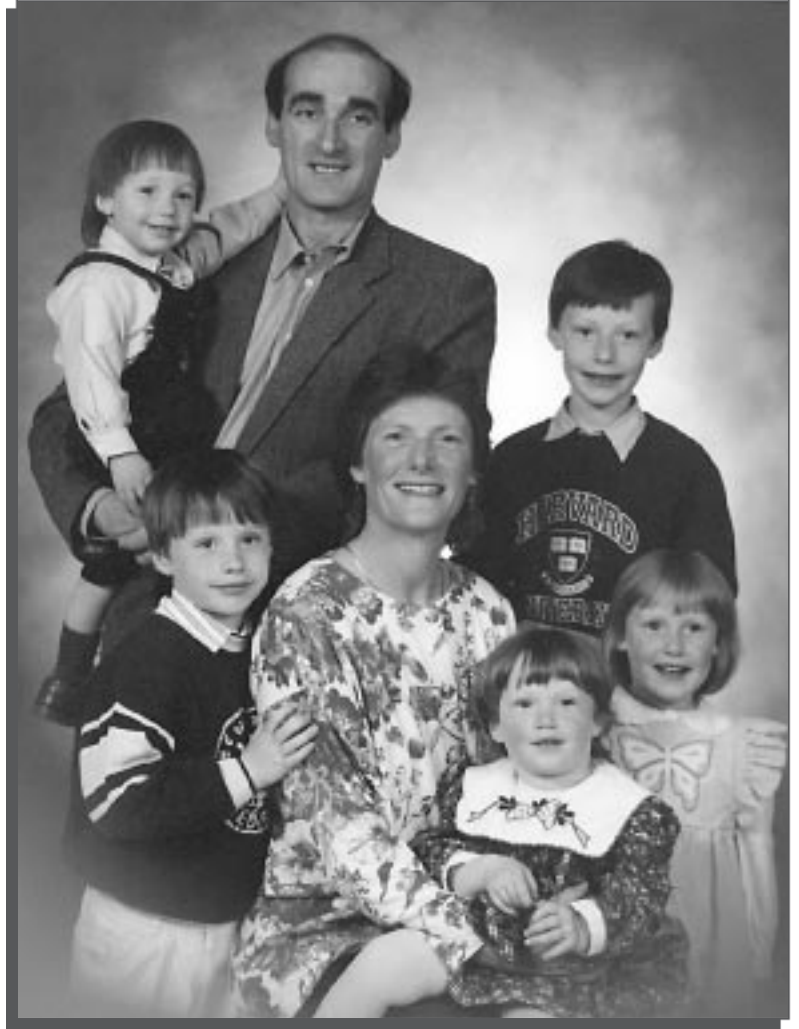
most healthy divorce gives one a sickening feeling in the pit of the stomach. It might be compared to a magazine called *Murder*, whose editor explains that his purpose is not to endorse murder, but to encourage some people to explore the possibilities of refraining from it. But for those times that murder is "your reality," we're here to answer your questions: how to do it neatly, efficiently and at with least legal trouble. Or, let's say, a magazine called *Adultery*, or *Prostitution*. Come to think of it, such magazines do exist, but with somewhat more respectable titles.

Back to the Basics

The U.S. Department of Education has provided funds to five middle schools to conduct a two-year experiment, holding same-sex classes—classes consisting only of boys or only of girls, *The Washington Times* reports (Dec. 15, p. A5). "Although it is too early to assess the success of the program, teachers and students taking part seem enthusiastic. And there's more than anecdotal

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evidence to show: Girls' grades improved immediately, especially in math and sciences. The elimination of distractions caused by the presence of members of the opposite sex is one of the advantages cited by advocates of same-sex classes." This is wonderful news, marred only by the question of why the taxpayer is paying a half-million dollars to each of the five schools participating in the program.

Christian Numerology

"The number eight was, for ancient Christianity, the symbol of the Resurrection, for it was on the day after the Sabbath, and so the eighth day, that Christ rose from the tomb. Furthermore, the seven days of the week are the image of the time of this world, and the eighth day of life everlasting. Sunday is the liturgical commemoration of the eighth day, at the same time a memorial of the Resurrection and a proph-

cy of the world to come..." J. Danielou, *The Bible and the Liturgy*

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Media Coverage and RFK

by Chris Corcoran—NYC

During Blessing '97, I had the great fortune to work with the Festival media team in Washington, DC, headed by Mike Smith and Howard Self. We had an unprecedented number of media attend the week long event and while there were some biased reports, overall coverage tended to be objective and thorough.

Our team in DC eventually grew to about eight full-time and five part-time people and everyone was kept busy day



Beaming the Blessing from RFK to the world

and night. One or two people on our team worked mostly with the entertainers and the rest of us organized press conferences, issued press releases, set up interview opportunities and answered questions.

I knew we were in store for an unusu-



ally energetic campaign when in one afternoon I received calls from the media of Ireland, United Arab Emirates, Japan and England. As the tidal wave of media washed over our office, at times it became laughable; people scrambling from one office to another, clutching handfuls of papers for the overworked fax machine, shouting to one another, "Pick up line 8, its CBS Evening News, Hard Copy's on line two, People Magazine on line three, Japanese television on line 6."

All media personnel who wished to cover the Festival were required to have special credentials which we issued after checking their identification. This enabled us to screen any potential frauds as well as keep a handle on how many and who to expect at the Blessing. All totaled, some 300 credentials were issued, an astonishing figure!

With the help of talented reinforcements such as Jim Flynn, Tom Cutts, Naomi Payer and Eugene Harnett, we were able to keep on top of the avalanche of requests for information and interviews.

Before and on the day of the Blessing, we made available various newly matched and blessed couples for the media to interview. This was very successful and put a human face on the huge numbers that we were reporting. The newly matched couples such as Jennifer Perry and Sebastian Jean, and Barbara King and Andrew

Robertson did an excellent job of answering the media's questions. They were a joy to watch; happy, excited and brimming with anticipation that only newly matched couples can exhibit. Their stories received wide and positive coverage.

Having been a journalist myself,

I know what it's like to be on the other end of a story. Therefore I always treat the media with the utmost respect and goodwill, even if a particular reporter's previous biased articles gave me reason to doubt. Why, you may ask?

First, all journalists should be treated as professionals, even when their behavior may not warrant it. What they are doing is their job and livelihood and most are trying their best to get to the truth as they see it. I always, always treat them with respect and courtesy. Unfortunately, because many of them begin with a false premise then the story that emerges often resembles a house built on a crooked foundation.

Nonetheless, they hold a powerful yet invisible sword in their hands. Handle them unfairly and you may well be on the receiving end of that very sharp-tipped weapon. I know that it's extremely frustrating to speak to a reporter one day and then the next day see one's words twisted and edited to fit that particular reporter's premise. It happens sometimes and must be tolerated, to an extent. "The truth will out," is the famous expression and we have to have patience. Just think of the current mindset that some media have as a phase they're going through. They'll outgrow it someday. Truth is truth.

It doesn't mean that we have no recourse if a biased or inaccurate story appears about our church. If the piece is a bald-faced hit piece, we should write letters (all members should do this) and speak to the editors, publishers and owners of the particular media outlet and let



Father at the closing banquet of WCSFIII

them know clearly that we feel we have been unfairly portrayed.

The relationship between a journalist and their subject is based on trust. They trust us to speak accurately and with full disclosure. That's our side of the bargain and it's not to be taken lightly. We have an obligation to the truth. They also are obliged to report accurately what was said to them or what they saw. That's their end of the bargain and unfortunately it seems they sometimes fall short. In reality, even when they do a fair job, it may seem unfair because we have so much we want to convey or we believe they left out important pieces or made small inaccuracies that only we would pick up on.

Internally, I try to treat the media professionals with a parental heart. We should always exhibit a parental heart to them, even if they're acting arrogantly or deviously. It does not mean that we have to grant them all their wishes, but we have



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