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Conference Decision

New IOWC Formed

In response to plans made at the July 7th Directors' Conference, one hundred and ten Los Angeles members arrived in New York City on Friday, July 18, to form a new American IOWC working in preparation for Yankee Stadium. They were shortly joined by forty members from New York City. Stationed at the 43rd St. headquarters building, the IOWC will conduct a mini Day of Hope Campaign beginning in New York City. President Neil Salonen will be the principle speaker in the New York campaign: "Sunburst" will entertain. The campaign will be run in conjunction with the New York churches and will include subsequent workshops. Goals of the crusade will be bringing members and publicizing the Church and Yankee Stadium.

The IOWC will be divided into three teams of fifty members led by Michael Smith, Sam Pell, and Terry Walton. Corresponding efforts are also underway in Japan and Europe. In Japan the IOWC is spearheading a membership campaign also centered around a smaller-scale Day of Hope, with Mr. Hideo Oyamada as principle speaker. In Europe, IOWC work is being concentrated in England and Germany, with activities to be determined by each national leader.

The newly formed American IOWC will first participate in a Divine Principle workshop and fundraising, beginning their initial campaign thereafter.

The new IOWC program is part of Father's plan to gain 30,000 members by the end of these three crucial years. He spoke at length at the Directors' conference on the importance of the first three years of this third seven-year course, emphasizing that America will have to

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Escaped Ted Patrick Victim Meets the Press

Andy Wilson talks to reporters on July 16 after his escape from Ted Patrick. See story on page 3.

Col. Pak on June 7th Rally, U.S. Mission

On July 6th Col. Bo Hi Pak, recently returned from Korea, spoke in Washington, D.C. about the significance of the June 7th Rally and America's role in the next three years. Following are excerpts

Upon my return to Washington, D.C., I was presented with the Great Seal of America. Although I have received many gifts from time to time, this particular gift was truly meaningful. It carries some prophecy, as the emphasis of God's crusade for the twentieth century is now shifting. In the last several months we have

been engaged on the Asian continent, where God has won a great victory. But upon my arrival, I realized that God is shifting emphasis from Asia to America. Reverend Sun Myung Moon, in his departing address in Seoul, Korea, clearly stated that for the next three years, America will be the battleground for God and Satan. He also stated that what we, the Unification Church International, will do in America will bring the world either hope or despair. Reverend Moon fully realizes that his mission lies in America in the next three years and that this battle in America will decide the destiny of the world for many centuries to come.

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Photos of Father's activities—see page 2



Speaking at Barrytown on the day of his return, July 1st.



At Belvedere



Father signs gift from America to Reverend and Mrs. Werner at their farewell dinner.



Father blesses a turtle at Belvedere on July 7th. When Father arrived at Belvedere for the July 7th Directors' Conference, Dr. Kim was waiting for him with a surprise. Both in Taiwan and Barrytown she had discovered turtles on corresponding days of similar prayer conditions. She kept the Barrytown turtle at Belvedere—turtles, in Oriental tradition, are symbolic of good fortune and long life. As soon as Father arrived, she showed him the turtle, which he decorated with the date and characters meaning "joyful turtle." The turtle wandered around the lawn, to the delight of the children, and later found his home in the pond.



At his quarters in the 43rd St. building with Mr. Kamiyama, Mr. Salonen, and Col. Han.



Wesley Samuel presides at IFA banquet in the ballroom of the 43rd St. building.

IFA Banquet Welcomes Parents

The new 43rd St. headquarters building hosted its first public event on Saturday, July 12, when over 150 people gathered for a buffet dinner sponsored by the New York chapter of the International Family Association. Master of Ceremonies was IFA director Wesley Samuel;

Aidan Barry welcomed the guests. Mr. Kiyoshi Nishi, director of the UN Public Relations team, lectured on world affairs; according to Mr. Samuel, the audience listened very enthusiastically. "Sunburst," a Family rock group originating in Colorado, entertained.

The dinner was intended primarily for parents of members, giving them an opportunity to be with their children, to experience fellowship with other parents, and to learn more about the Unification Church. Mrs. Grace Raucci testified that her son John was involved "with the best group of people in the world." She urged the adults to "go to work for the Unification Church," saying, "If you have not been to Barrytown, please go."

This was the second banquet sponsored by the New York International Family Association—attendance exceeded that of the first banquet. Other IFA activities include a showing in Bryant Park, near the 43rd St. building, of the James Cagney movie "Yankee Doodle Dandy," on July 18. Wesley Samuel, hoping to bring between three and eight hundred people to the event, wishes to offer the alternative of a good movie to the public.

Mr. Samuel has been making speeches at IFA branches in Long Island, Canada, and Connecticut. Anti-pornography marches are continuing, receiving good press coverage. A workshop is scheduled for the weekend of July 25, with Bill Raddatz as its featured lecturer.

Barrytown Sends Pioneers to States

On Wednesday, July 15, 36 Phase III Barrytown pioneers went to states to act as state leaders, enabling current state leaders to come to Barrytown for training. The acting leaders, still part of the Barrytown training program, are amongst those pioneers beginning missions on May 18 or June 15. They were recalled to Barrytown after Father met with Barrytown department heads on July 2nd.

At Barrytown they received special preparation by Mr. Sudo and Mr. Salonen. Mr. Sudo spoke to them at length about correct attitudes and efficient procedures as state leaders. He emphasized that results are the major criterion of their success. They are, he said, to continue to work in the pioneer spirit, primarily witnessing and street preaching. Mr. Salonen stressed unity as the key to victory and the importance of using wisdom, understanding reality, and making strong determination.

Tom McDevitt, coordinator of Phase III pioneer witnessing, is confident that the new acting leaders will be successful, based on "their understanding of the Divine Principle, their training in lecturing, and their adoption of a lifestyle of witnessing." As in their pioneer missions, the acting leaders will be encouraged to use approach books in witnessing, to witness in depth, to lecture, and to teach immediately.

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Through a questionnaire, pioneer witnessing coordinators have determined that success in pioneer witnessing is dependent on several factors, including the number of people witnessed to and the amount of time spent lecturing. "Also a necessity was a spiritual breakthrough occurring either during the first two phases of training or else at the beginning of the third phase," says Tom.

The Blessed Wives have completed

lecture training, complete with some pioneering experiences. They have recently fundraised for a week and are looking forward to 40 days of pioneer witnessing.

Participants in Phase I of 120-day training will begin their pioneer missions in mid-August and September. August 3rd marks a new session of Phase I 120-day training. Soon to be incorporated into Phase I training is a four-day witnessing experience in New York City.

Andy Wilson Returns

Andy Wilson, leader of the Brooklyn, New York Church, returned to New York on July 15th after being held captive for a month by Ted Patrick. Mr. Wilson was suddenly grabbed and thrust into the back seat of a car when he went to meet his mother at a Manhattan beauty salon. After spending some time in captivity in Connecticut he was moved to the Canadian home of a former Hare Krishna member. Mr. Wilson realized that supervision of his activities dwindled as he put up less resistance. One day while outside the home, he was able to put a telephone call through, disclosing his location. With the help of Canadian attorneys and the Royal Cana-

dian Mounted Police, he was found on July 15th by Michael Runyon. The accompanying police informed him that he was free to leave. He then left for New York City with Michael Runyon.

The morning after his arrival Mr. Salonen and Mr. Kamiyama decided to call an immediate press conference. Within several hours' time, the *New York Times*, the *New York Post*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, Associated Press, and four TV stations listened to Mr. Wilson's account of his experiences and remarks by Mr. Salonen. More details will be in the coming issue.

FLF Refugee Center Opens

by Dan Fefferman

The Freedom Leadership Foundation is pleased to welcome the first three of many Vietnamese refugees whom it will sponsor at its New Hope Center at 1365 Connecticut Avenue in Washington, D.C.

Moved into the center now are Mr. and Mrs. Ngo Vuong Toai and Miss Nguyen Thi Ngoc Huong. Mr. Toai was a journalist and youth leader in Saigon who became well-known after he was shot and seriously wounded by Vietcong agents at a concert he had organized at the University of Saigon. Miss Huong was a guide for the Vietnam Ministry of Information and part-time worker for the Saigon bureau of the *Washington Post*.

All of them have heart-rending stories to tell of their last days in Saigon, of how they escaped, of the relatives and friends who had to stay behind. Nevertheless, they are determined to build a new life here in

America. Mr. Toai and Miss Huong have already taken temporary jobs which they hope will provide a foundation for future advancement. All three have college educations; their main problem now is mastering English and adjusting to the "culture shock."

More refugees will be arriving soon at the New Hope Center, which will house 15 Vietnamese in addition to the FLF and Ginseng Teahouse staff. After these Vietnamese find jobs and settle into their own apartments, the center will absorb more from the refugee camps. The program is scheduled to continue until the end of 1975.

John Hung, a native Vietnamese and former Barrytown trainee who is heading the project for FLF, is concentrating on finding jobs for the refugees and on ad-

ministrative work involved in getting people out of the camps. Volunteers are helping the refugees with English, as language problems are major barriers to finding good jobs.

After his first week at the center, Mr. Toai expressed what we hope will be the feeling of all the refugees FLF plans to help resettle in America. Mr. Toai said: "Being here I have found some hope. The loneliness that I experienced at the beginning has diminished tremendously. I have found here people from different countries and different races who are able to love each other. This is the spirit that I have been looking for, and now I have found it."

International Leadership Seminar Begins

The third annual International Leadership Seminar will begin on July 30 with the arrival of 120 Japanese students from universities throughout Japan who will participate in a 21-day program. Included will be lectures at Barrytown on the Divine Principle, Victory over Communism and Unification Thought and field trips to New York, Boston, and Washington, D.C. In Boston, at Harvard University, they will have an opportunity to meet students informally. In Washington, D.C., FLF will

host a Congressional reception in their honor, under the sponsorship of Cong. Richard Ichord, and they will take in a performance of "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the Kennedy Center. Tom Miner will be coordinating the program for the 120 men, all of whom have had an introduction to the Divine Principle. The program is jointly sponsored by the International Cultural Foundation, the Unification Church, and the Freedom Leadership Foundation.



John Hung



On Wednesday, July 16, the high school branch of the New York International Family Association held rallies at Union Square, Bryant Park, and the New York Public Library. Under the name "Youth for a New New York," they marched along Manhattan streets, pausing to sing at each street corner and handing out petitions in support of a value-oriented high school curriculum. On the steps of the library they demonstrated their curriculum ideas under the direction of the group's adviser, Alice Cheney. "Many of the passersby sat and listened to the students," says Miss Cheney. "They were very impressed to see high school students speaking out for high morals. In fact, the students have a great capacity to reach adults." The students are currently at a 21-day workshop.

Col. Pak

June 7th and Beyond

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In one arm of the eagle on the Great Seal is an olive branch, representing peace. And in the other are arrows, representing power and strength. There is a famous story about this. The first president who authorized the Seal had the eagle face the arrows. But during the administration of Harry S. Truman, there was a great deal of philosophical discussion about what America should stand for—not for arms, not for war, but for peace, it was decided. So the head was turned toward the olive leaves, and the eagle has been looking at them ever since.

This is a very important inspiration for all of us. America must stand for power in order to deter the world aggression of Communism. But at the same time, our ultimate goal is for world peace. America has to bear this great burden as the champion of the world, as the power who not only safeguards the destiny of the entire world from Communist aggression but also works for world peace. Father clearly states that we are the ones to help provide the power of inspiration and serve as the spiritual backbone of America for the next three years so that America can successfully fulfill the mission that God has ordained for her.

Two days ago we celebrated the 199th birthday of America. Since then, we are plunging into the celebration of our bicentennial year, the 200th birthday of America. About 100 years ago, America faced one crisis: the Civil War. The Civil War was a ravaging war between the peoples of one nation. The great president Abraham Lincoln, giving his last measure of devotion, sacrificed himself to save the union. That was a great trial of America—whether it as a democratic country could stand. Abraham Lincoln won the war and saved the union. From a historical point of view, this was a test of the external durability of America, and America won the test.

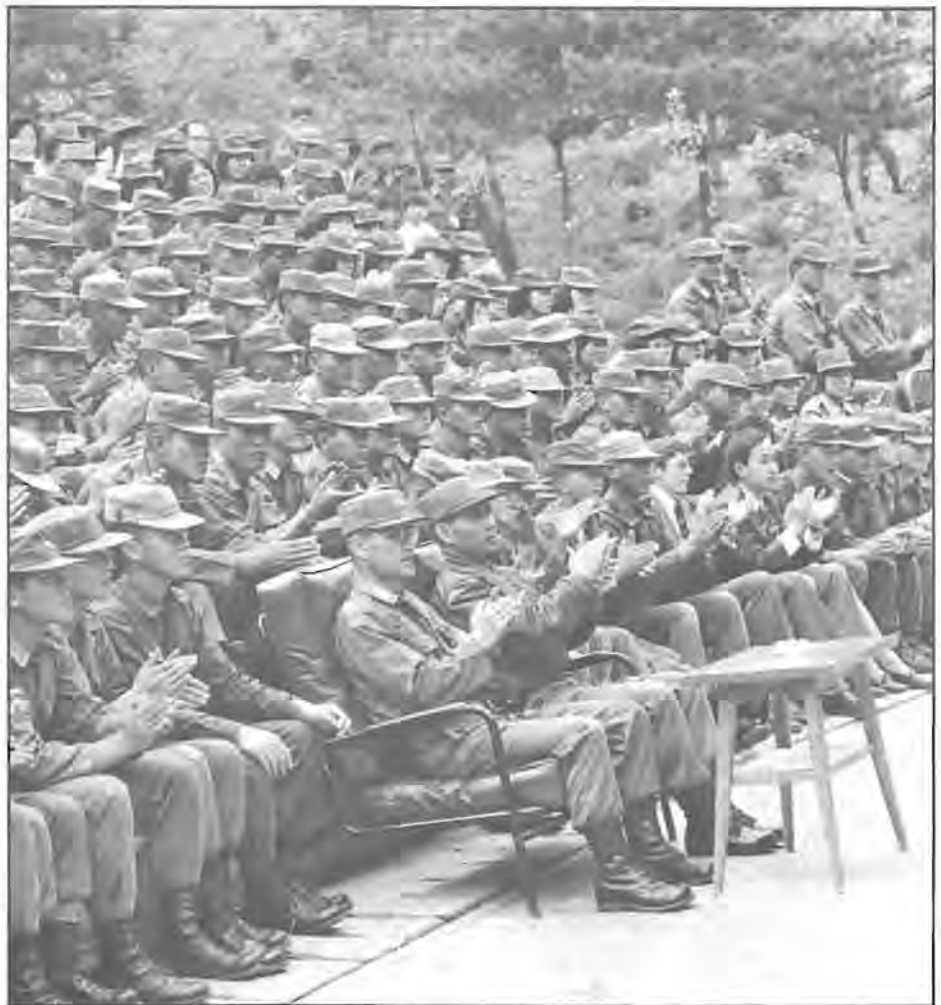
Now as we are coming to the 200th birthday of America I see that America is facing a most crucial test again, but this time an internal one of the durability of America's spirit—whether this nation can stand as our forefathers planned 200 years ago and can truly sustain her founding spirit of "In God We Trust."

During the 21-city Day of Hope Tour Reverend Moon expounded so beautifully:

America's founding spirit is God. God gave blessings to this country because of that beautiful spirit. America does not belong to America. America belongs to God first, and then to the world. The blessing never comes alone; it always comes with responsibility. Whether America will awake to her God-given responsibility will determine the future of America. America must be the sacrificial nation to become the David of the twentieth century to save the world from the twentieth century Goliath, Communism. Whether America can deter aggression, turning back the tide so that the rest of the world can be saved, depends on the durability of our founding spirit—not on how many atomic bombs we have, but how we feel about the 200th birthday of our nation.

When David stood in front of the giant Goliath, he did not volunteer to fight against Goliath to show his power. He did not have that power. Goliath was laughing at him because he knew that he could crush this boy in no time, at one stroke. David approached Goliath, not asking for power. He stepped forward to the giant enemy in the name of God, his Lord. He said, "In the name of the Lord I come to you. No one can go against the name of God. In the name of God I crush you." He was truly representing the Almighty, making himself the ambassador of God. And he won.

Today, the David of the twentieth century, America, is set forth against the Goliath of the twentieth century, Communism, in the name of God. There is no other way that we can win this battle be-



Korean front-line troops at special performance of Korean Folk Ballet and New Hope Singers.



New Hope Singers perform at the DMZ.

cause the principle has been set. Once we awake and realize how we can win, then we will win. If we stand in our own name, the proud name of America, we will never win, no matter how much steel, strategy, and weapons we have. We will become strong when we bring ourselves to be the ambassadors of God.

The fall of Vietnam brought a tremendous shock, particularly to the Korean people. After Vietnam, Korea will be the coming target, Koreans thought. When you look at the Asian land mass, you can see that the Korean position is so feeble. The Communists might even feel that they don't have to do anything; they can just blow this country away into the sea. The whole Asian continent is Communist. Korea is hardly even a pinpoint. Even the whole peninsula is not free. All the feeble Asian countries which have remained free are now rushing into worshipping Mao Tse Tung—the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand.

Korea, alone, has resolved that we either die or we live in freedom. Korea is the one country in Asia trying to live up to the great cry of Patrick Henry, "Give me liberty or give me death!" Throughout the history of God, He has manifested the power to show His own people that, with absolute trust in Him, they could make the impossible possible, creating a miracle. Moses was taught by God how, by faith, the impossible could be turned into possible reality and victory. Crossing the Red Sea is one example.

For Korea there are many Red Seas, not just one. In the north, there is Kim Il Sung, wanting to take over Korea at any

time. Because he has built so many tunnels underground, there is no 38th parallel any more. In the west, the giant China of Mao, almost one billion people, can become a machine under one order from Peking. In the east, Japan is very feeble. The Communist party is legal, occupying many seats in the government. The Communists believe that it is only a matter of time for Japan to fall. If Japan falls, Korea has nowhere to go.

And to the south of Korea is the sea. I met Harry Truman before he died. He said that he made two great decisions while President of the United States. One was dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He still thought that he did the right thing, even though he devastated the two cities, because the Japanese were in no mood to stop the war. The second, he said, was the commitment of forces in Korea. By doing this he saved Korean freedom. He added that if his decision had been delayed three days, there would have been no Korea, because by then all Korea would have been thrown into the sea.

This is the Korean position. The Korean people realize more than anyone else what kind of position that they are in. What boosted the morale of the 35 million people of Korea was the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, proclaiming that Korea is the chosen nation of God, that God will never abandon this country, and that the Unification Church International is ready to save the Republic of Korea.

Everyone thought that our activities were more intriguing than a presidential campaign. We also had a good opponent. The existing churches did not like our de-

termined spiritual revolution. They did everything they could to make our crusade a failure. Under these mixed circumstances, the results were amazing. It was the greatest campaign I have ever seen. The IOWC members were really heroes in Korea. They were truly wonderful. The hundreds of IOWC members truly campaigned, handing out brochures on street corners and knocking on all two million doors of Seoul from 7 in the morning until 10 at night. It was the greatest honor and inspiration to lead this campaign of more than 700 courageous people, the living Davids of the twentieth century, in the streets of Seoul. I'm very proud of them; they really testified for what Reverend Sun Myung Moon stands for.

For the first time Reverend Sun Myung Moon was presented literally in the role of Messianic mission. This is because what Korea needs today is the hope and conviction that nothing will ever happen to Korea. That Korea will be under the power of God. That in the name of God and the power of God the entire world would stand behind them and save them. United together and marching together as one fortress, they will have no reason to fear North Korea or any other Communist aggression. We know that South Vietnam did not fall because of lack of manpower or weapons. At the moment of surrender, they had five billion dollars worth of weapons in their arms. They had tremendous manpower, many times that of North Vietnam. But South Vietnam fell because the people did not have a purpose to fight. Without conviction and a will to fight, naturally a nation cannot stand.

This time, Reverend Moon brought a sense of purpose to defend Korea. The resolution of representatives of sixty nations to fight for Korea truly shook the entire country. The Unification Church posed as the Messiah for Korea, the Salvation Army in the truest sense. In the 1950's only 15 nations defended Korea when the Communists attacked. Now the Korean people could see that over sixty nations would rally around them at the outbreak of hostilities.

One day I took the New Hope Singers and the Korean Folk Ballet to the front-line, where we have a special performance to hundreds of thousands of front-line soldiers—like Bob Hope. But we did not have just dancing and singing for them, but also we had a message. That message was: "You will never be alone. Do not lose strength. Do your duty. You have lots of friends in the name of the Unification Church throughout the world. We will never hesitate to come to your aid, to fight with you side by side if anything happens." And this boosted up the morale

such that those many soldiers were in tears.

(As Col. Pak described the rally itself, he emphasized everyone's concern over the weather—the one factor beyond our control. June 7th began with threatening clouds. As the time for Father's speech approached, a weatherman told Col. Pak that there was a rainstorm five minutes away and that the people must be warned to remain so that mass confusion could be prevented.)

While the situation was crumbling down upon me, I announced to the crowd: "Look at the sky over there. The weatherman said that in five minutes those showers will come upon this island. But I want you to know that this is the beautiful strategy of God. When you stay, strong even under the rain, your eloquent testimony against the threat of Kim Il Sung will be a thousand times stronger. God wants us to exhibit strong resolve to show Kim how much we are determined. So do you promise that even if it showers, you won't move?" Then I introduced Father and he began to speak his most beautiful message. I now believe the Old Testament more than ever before because not even one drop of rain fell!

Many religious leaders gathered, eloquently testifying to what Reverend Moon was doing for the world. (Col. Pak gave a few names and associations.) These people speaking on our behalf showed complete unity, which is what the government is seeking. The government is really looking at the religion which is united on a common stand against Kim Il Sung. We truly served that purpose so beautifully.

I want you to know that we, the Unification Church International, are not only serving as the salvation force for the Republic of Korea, we are the ones responsible to turn Communist aggression away in every corner of the world. Over and over, I was so deeply impressed by the spirit and determination of Father. He took the entire world situation upon himself. He knew that no one is responsible but himself. He knew that there is no other way for the worldwide alliance of Communism to be stopped but through the Unification ideology. So far we have been thinking that Communism is an evil way of life or an evil ideology. But on June 7th, Reverend Moon branded Communism as another form of religion because Communism provides a philosophy and controls every action of the human body. Communism is an evil religion without God. Communism tries to pose itself as God, trying to take over God's job.

Therefore, there is only one way we can win over Communism—with a better, stronger, and truer religion centered on

God. God-denying ideology can be deterred only by a stronger truth. The problem is that today Christianity is failing to live up to this standard. Many Christian nations are giving up to a Communist takeover: Portugal and Italy are good examples. Traditional Christianity is giving up, opening the road to Communist takeover, showing that Christianity is not really living up to God's desire.

The Unification Church is a new

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breed of Christianity. We are igniting the spiritual revolution so that our conviction goes beyond the Communists', bringing the human race towards a strong commitment to the reality of God. In this way alone Reverend Moon has shown the world the way to conquer Communism.

After this June 7th rally the Unification Church International will never be the same. We have gained new power and recognition. More important than anything else, we became a new hope for the Korean people. Truly there is not one single Korean who has not heard about Reverend



Col. Pak speaking on July 6.

Sun Myung Moon. And they heard of him as a patriot, a prophet of God, spearheading the salvation of the Republic of Korea. There was no better way to represent our Father to the Korean people. I was jubilant about the outcome of the rally.

Upon the victory of the June 7th rally, Father formally concluded the second seven-year course on June 10, World Day. The next three years will be most important and centered on activity here in America. Yankee Stadium will be national event, particularly in conjunction with the Bicentennial, something like a "God Bless America" rally. No religious or government leaders could lead a rally of such magnitude. Centered on Reverend Sun Myung Moon, we will. I know that Father will speak on that occasion that America must win this important test at her 200th birthday. The test is to return to the founding spirit of America. Then the new era of America will dawn, and our young people, the decent patriots of America, will truly recognize that Reverend Moon is the hope and the Unification Church is the champion of God.

Our path will not be an easy one. But if you had chosen an easy way of life, you would not be assembled here. We came here to really invest our youth and life and energy and heart and soul in the best way possible to be used by God, to become the nourishment of the kingdom. That is why we are here. And I tell you that the most exciting period is going to begin from this time on here in America. My heart is pumping in joy and excitement. We will live a life that will never be dull. What we need is just one single-minded conviction that God is with us. I am and you are His ambassadors in this newly dawned heavenly kingdom.

This time I have come back with even stronger determination to give the best of my life any way that He wants to serve His way here in America. What America becomes the world shall become. Even though we won a great victory in Asia, Asia is dependent upon what America will become. The showdown is not going to be in Korea, even though the physical set-up is there. We are going to create the cue-sheet, the plan of action, the power behind all things. I am confident that we have the leadership and inspiration that we need.

Above all, God is depending on you, telling you: "Come my way and you will be with me and I shall be with you." Several years ago I adopted as the credo of my life: "He who tries to find his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it." Unless we do it, no one else will, except the Communists. We are in the most profound mission of the messianic era of the twentieth century.

International Missionaries Gain Members, Influence

submitted by Nancy Neiland

Some of the representatives in Africa have felt that because the people are so warm and so serving, they are being "missionized" with God's heart, feeling much more deeply a need to strengthen the bond of love between all peoples of the world. . . .

LIBERIA: Our representative in Liberia gives many glowing reports. He says that he gave a lecture on the university campus with 60 students in attendance. From their interest in his lecture, they will start a CARP center in Monrovia! They also are building relationships with many other friends—about 12 of them have heard the conclusion, but we haven't received the final report of it if they have made a commitment yet. Through one of our Family members, they received a contact of great importance—they are working now directly with the President's son, who is very impressed with Unification Thought. He has asked our representative to write a report on "Unification of Liberia through the Unification Thought of Reverend Sun Myung Moon." (There has been a recent report that our American representative has met with the president of Liberia, who has asked him to explain our movement to the Cabinet.) Our representative asked us to quickly send the IOWC because he has the vision that soon he will have TOO many children and won't be able to raise them with the trinity of brothers there now. He also reports that the people there are requesting to see the Madison Square Garden film because they have such an interest in the success of Rev. Moon.

MAURITANIA: "In America there are always clothing drives for Goodwill, the Salvation Army, etc., but most Americans throw their old clothes in those bins and never see them again. I am blessed with the other end of the spectrum—seeing people walking by with a wrinkled torn Florida State University teeshirt, or large old army pants, or beat-up sneakers or a suitcoat with one sleeve missing, or stocking caps, or the funniest of all—a grown man wearing one of the fuzzy winter hats that little girls wear—with drawstrings with fuzzy balls on the end. I don't know if I should laugh or cry sometimes, there are thousands of things like that. Let it suffice to say that it is awesome, truly awesome. . . .

"The greatest training in strength, confidence, and faith is to wake up in the morning and think: 'How in the world will I ever make this country respond to

From Ouagadougou (Upper Volta). "One can buy everything from A to Z at this market. There are quite a few good salesmen here who should be MFT commanders. . . . Actually this place is hardly as sanitary as it seems on the surface. There are quite a few flies and the smell is indescribable. But the food is inexpensive. . . ."



Father—they are all so slow and backward. . . and even if I did do it, what on earth could He use this sun-parched pile of sand for?" About that time a baby will cry, or someone will hit his wife, or a malnourished dirty child will stick his head in the door, and the question is immediately gone. There are people here—no matter how stupid or backward they may sometimes appear, they are still people. People who live extremely difficult lives, who are pious to 'Allah' and always trying to convert me. People who know how to laugh as well as cry, people who love as well as hate—people like those in Iowa or Tokyo or Berlin. They wait in the midst of confusion yet wait nonetheless for liberation from what they are now to what they can be—liberation into themselves, liberation

IOWC (continued from page 1) strengthen in the face of the growing Communist threat. As he spoke of dramatically increasing membership and forming larger IOWC's, he said, according to one participant, "This is not an empty dream; this is our concrete objective."

At the close of the conference, Dr. William Bergman assumed leadership of the Los Angeles region. Those directors not having fulfilled their membership goal returned to their pioneer missions to do so.

Michael Smith said of the conference: "Father was the brightest that I'd ever seen him. Each of the directors felt very close to each other, having had similar experiences in their pioneering." When asked how he felt about leading an IOWC team in New York, he responded: "Great! Ever since the end of the Conference I have been anxious to go to New York. I have always wanted to work in New York. I feel that the city is ours. I can hardly wait to attack it and gobble it up."

to God—even though they don't seem to know it yet. . . ."

BANGLADESH: "Bangladesh is pleased to announce the first Bengali member, who accepted only yesterday. He is a strong Christian and a former Communist who was captured during the Indo-Pak war by Pakistani forces and sentenced to be shot with 21 others. He was the only one to escape execution, through prayer to Jesus, and he has since been a man of dogged faith. But he accepts Principle fully, and will move into our house 2 weeks from today. . . ."

GHANA: "We are constantly feeling the presence of our Parents guiding us and leading us to prepared people. All the time I am asking myself, 'What would Father do next? What would Father say to this person?' Working here is an entirely different experience than in America, but still I know it's essentially the same—the people have the same longing for freedom and truth and joy as all of us."

Next issue: poetry from overseas.

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